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Shopify CFO Russ Jones rings the bell as the Canadian online-checkout firm's IPO begins trading Thursday at the New York Stock Exchange. Story, metroBUSINESS. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cabbies seek 'fair' system

UBER

App that must not be named sparks review of taxi rules

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

Ottawa has yet to begin overhauling its taxi bylaws, but drivers are already weighing in — and coming out swinging against Uber.

Though at least one driver would not even utter the name of the ride-share app that launched in Ottawa less than a year ago, those before the community and protective services committee on Tuesday stressed one thing: the rules must be fair for every driver, Uber's included.

The committee approved a review of its taxi and limousine bylaws on Thursday. If council also approves the review, the city will draw up a new framework by early 2016. That includes a look at "the emergence of new hailing technologies and transportation-for-a-fee service models."

"We'd like a fair, plain system across the board," cab driver Pierre Nakhle told the committee.

Some drivers argued the city is not doing enough to crack down on illegal taxi drivers, but Susan Jones, acting deputy manager of city operations, disagreed.

Over the past year, the city has issued 58 fines totalling $16,000. More will be handed out in the next few weeks, she said.

Although he could not provide exact figures, Amrik Singh, president of Ottawa's taxi union, said the cab industry has lost revenue since Uber came to town. He also said Uber drivers are not playing by the city rules.

> **We are scared.**
> Vestas Absa Mwakyeledzi, taxi driver

"Competition, welcome. But at what price?" he asked.

Uber has argued the company is an app and not a taxi service. Officials have said they want to work with the City of Ottawa on the matter.

Jones said she's "encouraged" by the number of people who want to participate in the bylaw overhaul, given no one from the public voiced an opinion in the last review that wrapped up in 2006.

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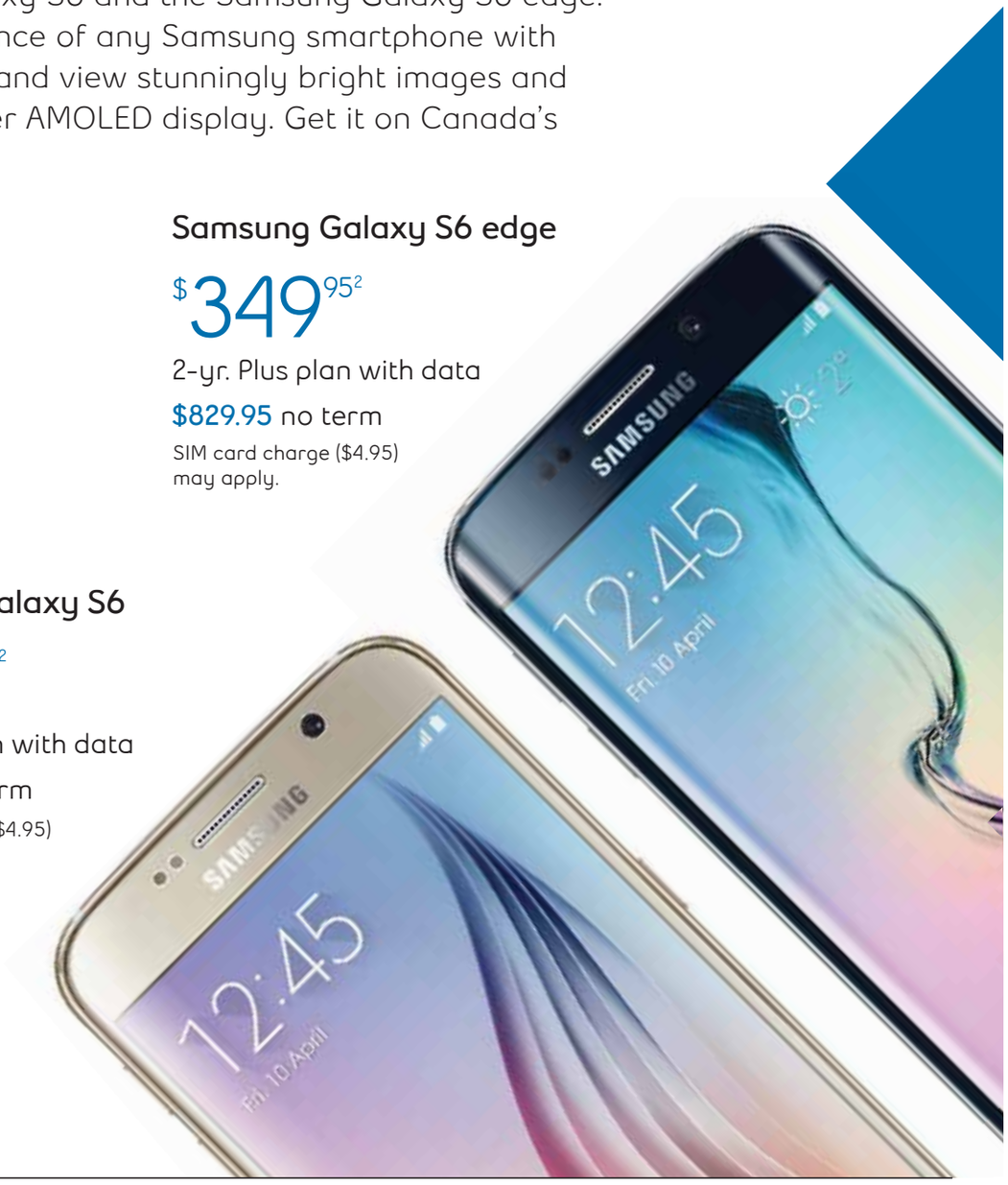

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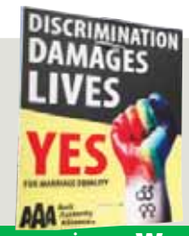

Ireland votes on gay marriage. **World**

The great guide to the Great Glebe Garage Sale

COMMUNITY

Thousands of deal-hunters expected to descend on the neighbourhood

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Junk and treasure piled equally high and a true people-watching mecca: It's the kick-off of garage sale season in Ottawa.

Every year, the Great Glebe Garage Sale, attended by thousands of deal-hunters since 1986, marks the occasion.

"I've been going for 15 years or more," said veteran garage-sale goer David Scrimshaw.

Scrimshaw works for the city and blogs in his spare time. His 2008 guide to the garage sale offers all the tips and tricks he's picked up over the years.

"I say stay to the west of Bank Street, but that ended up being controversial advice. Some people say no, go east, some say stay on the edges of the Glebe. Either way, I always say you can't do the whole thing. So don't even try."

It's not an exaggeration to say that thousands descend on the neighbourhood for the sale. Everyone from hard-core hagglers to students brave the crowds and the heat to browse.

The wares are even more diverse than the shoppers. The Glebe has a reputation as a wealthy area, which many say increases its garage sale pickings. The variety is endless, from expensive antiques to used clothing, to church rummage sales and old video games.

Scrimshaw said in the early days it was less busy, but since the '90s, hordes have been busing in to experience it.

"I like finding deals and I like the community aspect of it. There's thousands of people out there and you often bump into people you know," he said.

The Glebe Community Association, who organize the event, recommends sellers donate part of their profits to the Ottawa Food Bank. This year's goal is to raise $12,000.

A second fundraising, new this year, will also be taking place at the corner of First Avenue and Lyon Street South.

A special pop-up restaurant will be serving traditional Nepalese food in order to raise aid funds for the earthquake-affected country.

While the Great Glebe Garage Sale is probably the largest garage sale of the summer, many neighbourhoods in Ottawa — including Hintonburg and Old Ottawa South — also hold their own on various weekends.

Hot finds

Leading up to Saturday's sale and garage sale season in the city, Ottawa residents on social media sites shared their best deals and unusual finds. Here's Metro's roundup:

One type of treasure

Vintage typewriters, of varying colours and time periods, seem to be a recurring theme at the GGGS.

Weird and wonderful

Posting photos to Twitter in 2012, one Ottawa woman scored both a leprechaun-themed tea towel and a worse-for-wear blue mannequin.

One woman's trash

While the person who posted about a globe bar purchase was enthusiastic, apparently novelty bars aren't to everyone's taste. The commentator wrote that he bought the item from a man who said that, "his wife had told him it was either the bar or her, and after much thought, he sold the bar."

Up in the air

One commenter from Nepean wrote that a former roommate scored an "adult-sized" bouncy castle for $20.

TIPS AND TRICKS

5 WAYS TO ROCK A GARAGE SALE FIND

We asked grizzled veterans of the scene, and here's their advice

❶ Don't drive

Bus, bike or park outside the neighbourhood and walk in. Otherwise parking is impossible and traffic is slow-moving.

❷ Get there early

If you're serious about deals, go early. The sale officially starts at 8 a.m. but the early birds will be out as early as 6:30 a.m.

❸ Dress for success

Saturday is expected to be warm and sunny, so wear sunscreen and stay hydrated. There's a lot of ground to cover and the crowds can get quite large.

❹ Share

The official hashtag is #gggs and shoppers are encouraged to post their best finds online.

❺ Avoid Bank St.

Commercial shops have joined the action, setting up sidewalk sales. If you're looking for deals, stick to the residential streets.

❻ Bring cash ahead of time

Don't spend time waiting in line at ATMs, and get out cash ahead of time.

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OC TRANSPO

No ID needed during fare inspections

If an OC Transpo fare inspector stops you on the bus and asks for your personal information, you do not have to hand it over.

This news came on Thursday, a day after transit service officials said they were keeping track of passengers who failed to use their Presto cards properly.

Rather than slap every offender with a fine, OC Transpo's fare inspectors dished out more verbal warnings last year (2.2 per cent, compared to 1.4 per cent in 2013). But officials said those inspectors were keeping track of those who honestly did not know how to use their cards and those who repeatedly fail to pay the $2.77 fee from their Presto cards.

Following a media request, the city came back with the following statement from Troy Charter, acting general manager of transit operations.

"Transit customers are not obligated to provide personal information upon request from a fare inspector due to a fare-related offence," the statement reads.

"It should be noted, however, that fare inspectors work closely with transit special constables who are sworn peace officers and have the authority to enforce municipal bylaws, as well as provincial and federal statutes."

LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

EDUCATION

Teachers may be forced back to work

Premier Kathleen Wynne says she would introduce back-to-work legislation for teachers if that's what it takes to get high school students in three boards back to class.

More than 70,000 students have been kept from class for weeks, as high school teachers strike in the Sudbury-area Rainbow District, Peel Region and Durham Region.

Wynne says the best way to put an end to the strikes is through negotiated settlements, but in the meantime, she will "take whatever action" she needs so kids get back to school as quickly as possible.

The Ontario Labour Relations Board is considering an application from the three school boards to have the strikes declared illegal.

The school boards argue that the local strikes are really on central issues, such as class sizes, and the job actions are all being "orchestrated" centrally by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

The government has also asked a separate arm of the labour board to consider whether the students' school years are in jeopardy.

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BACKGROUND

The School Boards' Collective Bargaining Act, passed last year, was intended to bring clarity to labour negotiations, separating the bargaining process into local and central talks.
But the act came under fire as not clear enough this week at the labour board. The law doesn't explicitly ban teachers from staging local strikes on provincial issues, but the boards argued that's what it was meant to do. Wynne would not comment on whether its intent was to ban local strikes on central issues.

IN BRIEF

Freeze! Police to give kids iced-drink coupons for good behaviour

This is the kind of ticket you want the police to give you.

Starting Tuesday, the Ottawa Police Service is going to be handing out "tickets" to kids who demonstrate "positive behaviour."

That could be any kind of good deed — picking up trash, participating in community activities or obeying school crossing rules, for example.

The "ticket" is really a coupon for a free Frosted drink at participating Mac's convenience stores across Ontario.

Police say it gives them a chance to made a good impression on kids. METRO

Jeff Westeinde, founding partner of Windmill Development, and Chief Kirby Whiteduck of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation sign a letter of intent on Thursday morning to involve the group in the development. HALEY RITCHIE/METRO

Windmill to work with First Nation

BUSINESS

Developer vows sustainability and jobs with Zibi project

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Windmill Development announced two new major partnerships on Thursday to demonstrate its commitment to sustainability and co-operation with First Nations groups.

Chief Kirby Whiteduck of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation was on site at the former Domtar lands to sign a letter of intent and discuss Algonquin culture.

"Windmill is very encouraging because they're actively seeking our involvement and looking at providing recognition and some benefits from the site," Whiteduck said. "We believe them in their commitment."

He said the letter of intent promises that Windmill will incorporate awareness of Algonquin culture in the Zibi project and participate in consultations.

He also said the group will be establishing a hiring quota and organizing training and certification programs to build an Algonquin-Anishinaabe work force.

"This capacity is much needed for our community and the Algonquin people in the area, including Ottawa and Gatineau," he said.

Windmill also signed an agreement Thursday with Bioregional, a U.K.-based charity that promotes sustainable building.

The organization endorsed Zibi as a certified sustainable development.

"With our First Nations partners, this is an example of something that differentiates this project from anything we're ever done before," said Jonathan Westeinde, founder of Windmill. "Sustainability is an evolving tool, but it's all about creating social fabric."

Not everyone has embraced Windmill's new plan for development.

A lawsuit was filed on behalf of Amikwa First Nation against the developer and local government in April, insisting the lands are sacred and unceded.

COURT

Eight more months for fatal hit-and-run

Rachelle Denis will spend another eight months in prison for killing her ex-lover, Tony El-Kassis, with her Jeep in a Richmond plaza nearly five years ago.

A jury found the 43-year-old mother of five not guilty of second-degree murder, but guilty of the lesser offence of manslaughter.

Denis rammed into El-Kassis, owner of Tony's Chip Wagon, on July 2, 2010, hurling him into the brick wall of a bank in a Perth Street parking lot. She then fled the scene and drove to her mother's home, where police soon found her lying on the ground with a broken ankle from the collision.

She sat expressionless in the courtroom Thursday as Justice Robert Smith described in his reasons for the judgment how the hit-and-run has "devastated" El-Kassis's family members and left "a gaping hole" in their lives.

The chip-truck owner's wife "has sleepless nights; she must now act as mother and father to her children and has concerns for the safety of her home and her business," Smith said.

He sentenced her to eight years in prison, but since she is being credited for time already served in custody at the rate of 1.5 days to one, she will spend eight more months behind bars.

Following her release, Denis will be placed on probation for three years and cannot have any unsupervised contact with her children.

JOE LOFARO/METRO

The release party for Lindsay Ferguson's CD, titled Chameleon, is at the Black Sheep Inn May 23. CONTRIBUTED

She's back and smiling

MUSIC

Musician has new album inspired by Blue Skies fest

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

It was at a rainy Blue Skies Music Festival that Lindsay Ferguson first heard Brock Zeman.

With the rest of the audience, she crawled up onstage under the awning and crowded around the gravelly-voiced, cowboy-boots-wearing country rocker.

"I thought, 'I want to do this one day,'" said the singer-songwriter, who hops between Wakefield, Que., and Rueschegg, Switzerland, with her Swiss husband.

From that rainy Blue Skies day years ago, Ferguson wound up in Zeman's Big Muddy Studio in Lanark, Ont. The contrasting pair recorded her third and latest album, Chameleon — a blend of her folksy roots tunes with Zeman's touch of synth and organ samples.

When the album debuts at the Black Sheep Inn on May 23, Ferguson will be playing with Zeman and his full band, which is rare for her (she used to tour solo with a harmony pedal, but that broke two years ago).

Unbeknownst to many concertgoers, when musicians smile at each other onstage, it's not because they are sharing a special musical moment. It's often because someone messed up.

Ferguson said she might have trouble wiping the grin off her face — but not because she's making mistakes.

"I'm genuinely smiling," she said, with a laugh.

If this CD release party is anything like her 2011 debut of Monkeys Under Stars, the Black Sheep Inn will be full of people crowding around Ferguson.

IN BRIEF

Dogs in Gatineau attack to be euthanized

Gatineau police say two dogs who attacked an elderly man and his neighbour will be euthanized.

The dogs — a Labrador and a pit bull-type dog — attacked a 75-year-old man on Tuesday.

When the man's 26-year-old neighbour tried to help, the dogs attacked him, too.

Gatineau police say the 75-year-old man suffered a cut on his leg and injuries to his hand and head after the dogs rushed after him.

They also bit the 26-year-old. METRO

SOCCER

FIFA official promoting women's tourney

Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

Peter Montopoli, the general secretary of the FIFA Women's World Cup 2015, was in Ottawa Thursday to observe the installation of a new banner outside the heritage building at City Hall on Elgin Street.

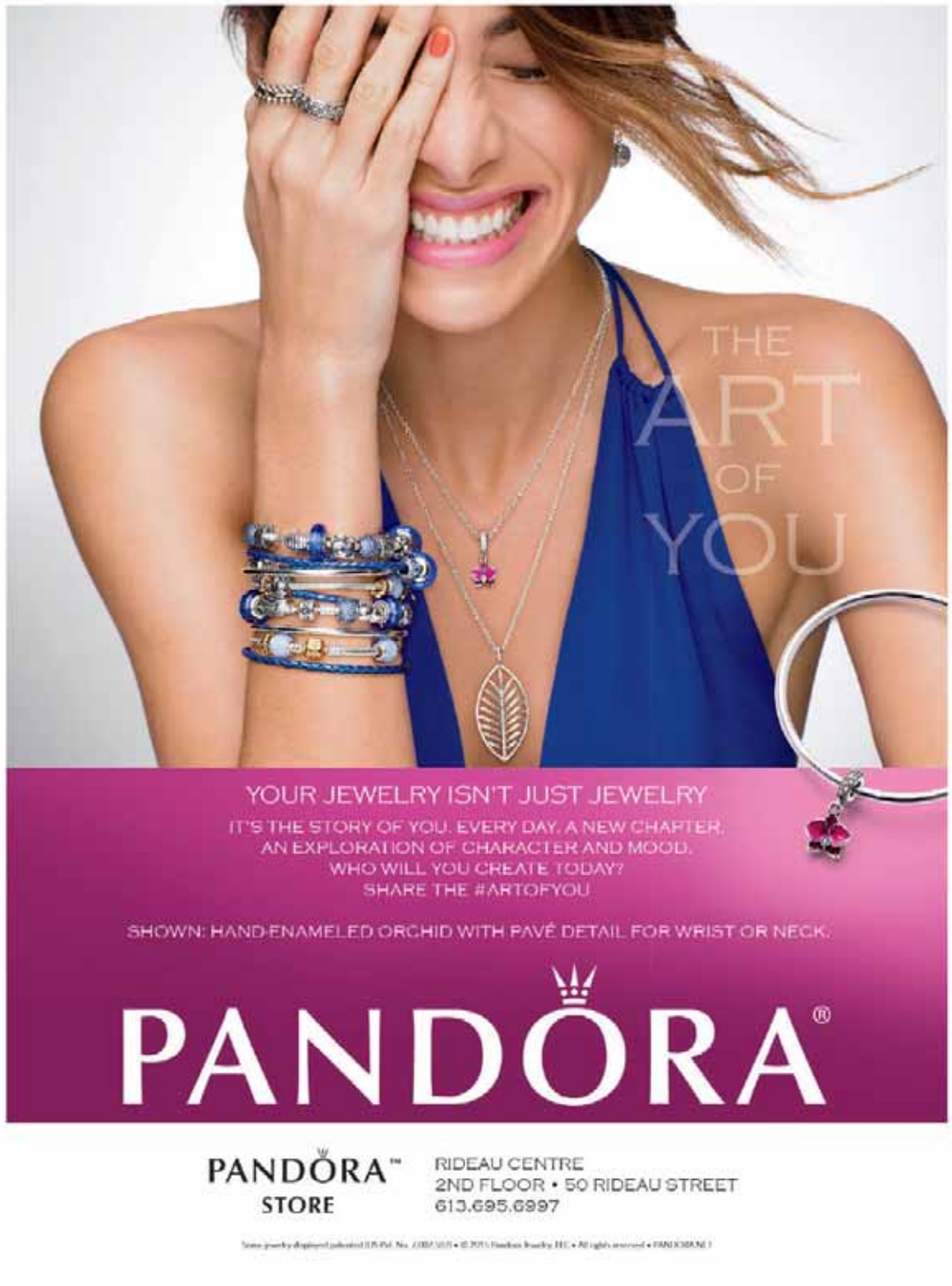
The ceremony was to promote the high-profile soccer tournament, which begins in Edmonton on June 6.

Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson, Coun. Jody Mitic, and Coun. Riley Brockington also attended the banner raising.

FIFA officials will announce a transportation plan on Monday and will join an RCMP officer to raise a FIFA flag at City Hall.

At the end of May, Team Germany will arrive at the Ottawa airport as teams begin to become settled in Canada.

The mascot for the FIFA Women's World Cup, a female great white owl named Shuéme, dances downtown. JOE LOFARO/METRO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Saturday, May 23

- Laurier Ave. between Metcalfe and Nicholas: 1:00–9:00 p.m.
- Elgin St. between Cooper and Wellington: 1:00–7:30 p.m.
- Elgin St. between Cooper and Frank: 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Elgin St. between Catherine and QED: 3:30-8:45 p.m.
- Lisgar St. between Cartier and Elgin: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- Elgin St. between Lisgar and Catherine: 6:15-7:00 p.m.
- Frank St. between Elgin and QED: 2:45-3:45 p.m.
- Queen St. between Elgin and O'Connor: 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- O'Connor St. between Wellington & Albert: 3:30–4:35 p.m.
- Wellington between Bank and Colonel By Dr. eastbound: 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- Bronson southbound between Lakeside and Col. By: 6:00-8:00 p.m. (lane reductions)
- Colonel By Dr. between Rideau & Main: 3:00-6:15 p.m.
- Colonel By Dr. between Main and Hawthorne: 3:00-8:30 p.m.
- Colonel By Dr. between Hawthorne and Bronson: 3:00-8:30 p.m.
- Pretoria Bridge: 3:30–8:45 p.m.
- Argyle between Elgin and Queen Elizabeth Dr.: 6:30-8:45 p.m.
- Queen Elizabeth Dr, between Somerset & Elgin: 2:00-9:00 p.m.
- Queen Elizabeth Dr. between Elgin and Preston: 3:00-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 24

- Laurier Ave. between Elgin and Metcalfe: 5:00–10:00 a.m
- Laurier Ave. between Nicholas and Elgin: 5:00 am–3:00 p.m.
- Queen Elizabeth Dr. between Preston & Elgin: 6:00-10:45 a.m.
- Queen Elizabeth Dr. between Lawrence Frieman & Laurier: 5:00 am-6:00 p.m.
- Queen Elizabeth Dr. between Elgin and Somerset W.: 6:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Elgin St. between Cooper and Slater: 5:00–10:30 a.m.
- Elgin St. between Cooper and Catherine: 8:45-9:45 a.m.
- Lisgar St. between Cartier and Elgin: 6:00-8:30 a.m.
- Cooper St. between Cartier and Somerset W.: 7:45-8:30 a.m.
- The Driveway between Cooper and Somerset W.: 7:45-8:30 a.m.
- Wellington St. eastbound between Elgin and Col. By: 6:30 am–2:00 p.m.
- Rideau westbound between Sussex and Mackenzie: 7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Full Weekend Closures

- Queen Elizabeth Driveway between Laurier Avenue and Somerset

JOE LOFARO/METRO

Marathon should break records, say organizers

TAMARACK EVENT

Flatter, easier race course means runners will excel

Joe Lofaro
Metro | Ottawa

Organizers of the Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend are expecting records to be shaved for several runners in the marathon, due to recent changes to the course for the 2015 edition.

The Scotiabank Ottawa Marathon, which takes place on Sunday, has been altered to make it flatter and present runners with fewer sharp turns.

Broken records have become a bit of a tradition at the event, which is good news for the competitive runners looking to beat their personal bests.

"Our men's event record has been broken four times in the last five years, and the women's three times in the last six years. We're very focused in creating the conditions to make this happen," said Manny Rodrigues, elite athlete co-ordinator.

Ethiopians in both the male and female categories dominated the marathon last year.

Yemane Tsegay, 29, finished with a time of 2:06:54, breaking the men's Canadian soil record of 2:07:05 set last year in Toronto and the record for the Ottawa marathon course record of 2:08:04, also set in 2013.

> **Our men's event record has been broken four times in the last five years, and the women's three times in the last six years.**
> Manny Rodrigues, elite athlete co-ordinator

Tigist Tufa, 27, shaved one second off the 2013 course record for women with a time of 2:24:31.

The more than 48,000 runners expected to participate in Ottawa Race Weekend will also be able to set new records for the charity side of the event as well.

Last year, participants raised approximately $626,000 for 30 charities. This year, 40 charities will benefit from the funds raised, which organizers are hoping will reach $650,000.

Runners in each event — the marathon, the half marathon, the 10k, 5k and 2k — will be able to raise money for a charity of their choice, which will keep 100 per cent of the proceeds.

Organizers also say the event pumps an estimated $32 million into the Ottawa-Gatineau economy.

The marathon and the 10k will be broadcast online at runottawa.ca.

With a light mist still in the air and a cool 10 C temperature to start, runners in the Ottawa Race Weekend 2014 begin a race in near-perfect conditions.
SEAN MCKIBBON/METRO

PUBLIC SAFETY

Security beefed up for Canada's largest long race

Ottawa police are going to be on the lookout for any suspicious behaviour or threats to public safety with more than 200,000 people expected to attend Ottawa Race Weekend —Canada's largest marathon — in light of recent attacks.

Events like the Boston Marathon bombing in 2013 and the Oct. 22, 2014, shooting of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo at the National War Memorial have police agencies re-evaluating their assessments of large public gatherings.

"The security plan was reviewed following the events in Boston in 2013 and enhanced accordingly," acting Sgt. Peter McKenna told Metro on Thursday.

"The security plan for the marathon is very robust and involves a great deal of inter-agency planning with numerous emergency services."

The RCMP is one of those police forces assisting in the security plan for the races, as some of the course involves locations that fall under their jurisdiction.

Police do not have information suggesting there is a specific threat, according to McKenna, "but our threat assessment is continuous, leading up to and during the event. We will address any information that arises accordingly."

Spectators are being asked not to leave bags unattended because it may be deemed a security concern and tie up emergency resources.

Police also want any suspicious behaviour to be reported so that it can be assessed, no matter how minor or insignificant it may seem.

"We would rather address an issue that turns out to be nothing," said McKenna, "than not have been made aware of something serious that someone had a concern about but were reluctant to share because they were not sure."

JOE LOFARO/METRO

Packaged meat is seen at a grocery store on Tuesday in Montreal. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada wins beef dispute

TRADE

WTO rules against U.S.'s country-of-origin labels

Federal Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz says it's time for the United States to come to terms with country-of-origin labelling rules.

The World Trade Organization ruled Monday that the U.S. labelling requirement, known as COOL, violates that country's trade obligations. It said the labels put Canadian and Mexican livestock at a disadvantage and rejected a U.S. appeal following a similar ruling last year.

"The rules have been adjudicated, the U.S. was found offside and now it's up to them to find the fix that makes us happy," Ritz said Thursday. "We're now driving the bus; we're not under it any more. So we'll see at the end of the day."

A committee of the U.S. House of Representatives has already voted to repeal the law, which requires labels that say where animals were born, raised and slaughtered.

Canada will probably be able to impose retaliatory tariffs against the United States by late summer or early fall if Washington doesn't repeal COOL rules.

"If they don't come up with the fix to COOL, like repealing it, then that's our Plan B," said Ritz.

Canada and Mexico opposed the law because it causes their animals to be segregated from animals born in the U.S. It's a costly process that has forced some U.S. companies to stop buying exports.

Congress made the labels mandatory in 2002 and 2008 farm legislation, mostly at the behest of northern U.S. ranchers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ALBERTA

Officials narrowing down mad cow cause

Federal Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz says investigators are narrowing down how an Alberta cow was infected with BSE.

The beef-breeding cow was discovered last winter on a farm near Edmonton and was born on a nearby farm.

Another cow born at the same location in 2004 tested positive for mad cow disease in 2010.

Ritz says investigators are looking for other animals that also might have been infected and any feed supplies that might be the cause.

He said it's like looking for a needle in a haystack.

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CANADA POST

NDP vows to restore home mail delivery

Canada Post's plan to end home mail delivery would become a dead letter if the NDP were to win the federal election this fall.

The post office is in the second year of a controversial five-year plan to phase out door-to-door delivery for more than five million households.

Alexandre Boulerice, the NDP's post office critic, says a New Democrat government would terminate the phase-out plan and restore service to those households that have already lost their home mail delivery.

The announcement follows a decision earlier this week by some Montreal-area mayors to join a court challenge against the phase-out of home delivery.

The mayors argue the move is unconstitutional and are hoping to turn it into a federal election issue.

The court challenge is spearheaded by the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, but several groups representing seniors and disabled Canadians have joined it.

DETAILS

Canada Post is also cutting up to 8,000 jobs.

Canada Post argues that the move is necessary for the Crown Corporation to remain financially sustainable as the volume of mail declines.

However, the NDP maintains the move is unnecessary and means Canada is en route to becoming the only major industrialized country without any home mail delivery.

Canada Post turned a profit of $194 million before tax last year. In 2013, the year in which it announced the phase-out of home delivery, the post office posted a before-tax loss of $125 million. THE CANADIAN PRESS

There can be no reason to join terrorists: PM

PUBLIC SAFETY

Harper heralds new funding to keep closer eye on suspects

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says there is "no legitimate reason of any kind" for Canadians to become involved in jihadist or terrorist movements.

Harper was in Montreal on Thursday to announce funds for the RCMP and the Canada Border Services Agency in the fight against terrorism.

The RCMP will receive $150.4 million over five years, beginning in 2015-16, and $46.8 million a year after, with the money going to help the Mounties conduct terrorism-related criminal investigations.

The border-services agency will get $5.4 million over five years and $1.1 million annually in subsequent years, with some of the funds earmarked for identifying high-risk travellers.

While the Prime Minister's Office described the money as "new" and "additional," the Finance Department said later the funds had been announced in the recent federal budget, but that the specific details outlined on Thursday for the RCMP and the CBSA were new.

Harper was speaking at Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport, where 10 youths were arrested last weekend after being suspected of wanting to leave Canada to join jihadist groups.

"Obviously we have great sympathy for the families affected, but let us be clear: we have a great country here. We have a country that is unparalleled in terms of its freedom, its democracy, its openness and its tolerance," the prime minister told reporters after making his announcement.

"And there is no legitimate reason of any kind in this country for someone to become a violent jihadist or a terrorist or to join any kind of group that is involved (in) or advocates that kind of activity.

"It is totally unacceptable to Canada and Canadians and unacceptable to this government."

Violent jihadism is not a future trend but a current reality in Canada and around the world, Harper said, adding that the funds will be important in the fight against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

In recent days, ISIL militants have been on the advance, seizing the city of Ramadi in Iraq and the central Syrian town of Palmyra.

Defence Minister Jason Kenney has described the fall of Ramadi as a setback for the Iraqi military, but added it shouldn't be seen as a sign the coalition is losing the fight against ISIL.

Harper was asked in general about such advances and what the implications are for coalition forces.

"The reason the international community has intervened in Iraq is the serious threat that (ISIL) poses," he replied.

"We've had some successes, but at the same time it is no secret this is an ongoing battle, this organization poses a great threat and continues to pose a great threat, obviously to security in Iraq and Syria.

"But as long as it has a substantial territory it is occupying, it will want to use that as a base from which to launch terrorist attacks against this country."

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Montreal on Thursday, announcing funds for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and the Canada Border Services Agency in the fight against terrorism. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **It is no secret this is an ongoing battle. (ISIL) poses a great threat.**
> Prime Minister Stephen Harper

IN BRIEF

Feds fail to stop challenge over Senate vacancies

The federal government has lost a bid to thwart a court challenge aimed at compelling Prime Minister Stephen Harper to fill Senate vacancies.

The case was launched by Vancouver lawyer Aniz Alani, who maintains the unfilled vacancies are unconstitutional, leaving provinces under-represented and the Senate less able to carry out its constitutional role as the chamber of sober second thought. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Conservatives snub talks with debate broadcasters

The game of election debate chicken continues. The Liberals, NDP, Greens and Bloc have reached an agreement in principle with the TV consortium that has traditionally organized the debates. The Conservatives were not at a meeting Thursday with the broadcasters. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Supreme Court rules on lack of aboriginal jurors

The manslaughter conviction of an aboriginal man should not be overturned because of a lack of aboriginal jurors, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled Thursday.

In a 5-2 decision, the court found that an Ontario community made reasonable efforts to ensure the jury had adequate aboriginal representation — and that what matters is the effort, not the ultimate result.

Clifford Kokopenace had been found guilty of stabbing a friend to death on the Grassy Narrows reserve. His jury was selected from 175 potential jurors, only eight of whom were on-reserve residents. None of those made it on to the jury. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TERRORISM

Calgary prof says bin Laden probably hated his book

Your average book-writing academic might be delighted to have a celebrity reader.

Barry Cooper's case is a little different.

He's far less gracious when asked about a famous person who apparently owned his book: "If I had a chance to kill him," the Canadian political scientist says, "I would've."

His famous reader was supposedly Osama bin Laden.

According to a newly declassified list from the U.S. government, the terrorist leader had 39 English-language books in his Pakistani compound when he was killed by special forces in 2011.

One of those books was written by Cooper. Bin Laden's library apparently included the University of Calgary professor's New Political Religions, or an Analysis of Modern Terrorism.

Cooper didn't believe it when a journalist first called him this week to share the news. He teaches political philosophy, not counter-terrorism, and responded skeptically: "I thought it was a hoax."

He has no idea whether bin Laden actually read the book. But he's quite sure he wouldn't have enjoyed its unsympathetic view of terrorism's causes.

"I'm sure he didn't like it if he did read it; I can take some comfort in that."

Cooper's book argues that terrorists intentionally distort religion to justify their acts — and that they're perfectly well aware that they're making up excuses.

It examines a variety of groups beyond al-Qaida, including the Japanese group Aum Shinrikyo and what Cooper calls its off-the-wall interpretation of the Tibetan Book of the Dead.

> **Terrorists are not crazy. They are evil.**
> University of Calgary professor Barry Cooper

It also looks at white supremacists and at how Hezbollah in the 1980s developed the concept of self-martyrdom — which Cooper calls as insane for a Muslim as a Catholic proclaiming himself a saint.

Cooper says terrorists know their acts are morally and spiritually wrong.

He likens them to Nazi prison guards who justified their actions by telling themselves their victims were less than human. He also downplays talk about root causes, like poverty. Nor does he give terrorists a pass on mental-health grounds.

"Terrorists are not crazy. They are evil," Cooper says. "They know what they are doing is wrong, but they're able to tell themselves that it's okay."

Bin Laden's book collection ranged from mainstream authors, like Bob Woodward's book Obama's Wars, to academics like Yale's Paul Kennedy and his Rise and Fall of the Great Powers, to more marginal conspiracy theorists like Eustace Mullins' Secrets of the Federal Reserve.

What does Cooper hope bin Laden got from his book?

"A little self-recognition of what a jerk he is."

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MIGRANT CRISIS

Malaysia searches for lost boat people

Four Malaysian navy ships began searching the seas for stranded boat people Thursday, in the first official rescue operation since desperate migrants started washing onto Southeast Asia's shores, and a formerly reluctant Myanmar agreed to attend a regional meeting aimed at easing the crisis.

Thousands of Rohingya Muslims from Myanmar and Bangladeshis are believed to be trapped on boats with little food or water — some after being pushed back by the navies of at least three countries — and the international community has warned that time to save them is running out.

The announcement Thursday by Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak was the latest in a series of breakthroughs, including an offer by his country and Indonesia to provide temporary shelter to the desperate men, women and children until a more permanent solution is found.

He said he had ordered his navy and coast guard to conduct search-and-rescue efforts for other boats.

"We have to prevent loss of life," he tweeted.

Navy chief Abdul Aziz Jaafar said four vessels had been deployed, and three helicopters and three other ships were on standby.

Myanmar, which earlier hinted it would skip a regional meeting in Thailand next week bringing together representatives of more than a dozen nations, changed course Thursday, saying it would attend.

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SYRIA

ISIL takes ancient site of Palmyra

Fears mounted over the fate of one of the Mideast's most prominent archeological sites after ISIL militants overran the historic Syrian town of Palmyra, seizing control Thursday of its temples, tombs and colonnades within hours.

The takeover also expanded the extremists' hold, making them the single group controlling the most territory in Syria.

"The Syrian regime appears to be in terminal decline, and the Islamic State (of Iraq and the Levant), in its timing, is capitalizing on recent losses by government forces in the north and south," said Amr Al-Azm, an antiquities expert and professor at Shawnee State University in Ohio.

The militants overran the famed archeological site early Thursday, just hours after seizing the nearby town in central Syria, activists and officials said.

They also captured Palmyra's airport and the notorious Tadmur prison, delivering a startling new defeat for President Bashar Assad, whose forces quickly retreated. Hundreds of Palmyra residents fled the town of 65,000, and many more were trying to escape, said Talal Barazi, the governor of central Homs province.

An oasis set in the Syrian desert, Palmyra is a strategic crossroads linking the capital Damascus and cities to the east and the west. Its capture raised alarm over some of the world's most important ancient ruins, whose fate remained unknown Thursday.

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IN BRIEF

California farmers brace for water cuts

California farmers who hold rights to water that date back as far as the Gold Rush are bracing for their first state-ordered conservation in decades, as a record drought prompts some of the deepest cuts yet in the country's most productive agricultural state.

After telling cities and towns to slash water use by 25 per cent and cutting deliveries to some farmers and others, state officials said Wednesday that they would start mandatory cuts this week to the state's oldest rights holders, who are historically spared from water restrictions.

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U.S., Cuba discuss re-establishing embassies

American and Cuban officials were trying Thursday to complete talks to re-establish embassies in each other's capitals after a half-century interruption. Many differences appeared close to being resolved.

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Members of the Yes Equality campaign begin canvassing Thursday in the centre of Dublin, Ireland. People from across the Republic of Ireland will vote Friday in a referendum on the legalization of gay marriage, a vote that pits the power of the Roman Catholic Church against the secular-minded Irish government of Enda Kenny. PETER MORRISON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Premier to Ireland: Vote for gay marriage

REFERENDUM

Opinion polls suggest Yes side will win

Prime Minister Enda Kenny is urging Ireland's voters to support the legalization of gay marriage in a referendum that pits the power of the Catholic Church against his secular-minded government.

Speaking on the eve of Friday's nationwide vote, Kenny said Ireland could "create history" by becoming the first nation to cast a popular vote for gay marriage.

Kenny said voters' approval of a constitutional amendment to legalize gay marriage would represent an Irish civil rights breakthrough "that for generations gay people could never imagine."

"The 'Yes' will obliterate, publicly, the remaining barriers of prejudice or the irrational fear of the 'them' and 'us' in this regard," said Kenny, a devout Catholic who nonetheless during his four years in power has pushed to reduce the church's influence on policy and state services.

Eight opinion polls taken since the campaign opened in March suggest that the "Yes" campaign should win. Kenny's government is holding a referendum because it's considered legally necessary to add an explicit amendment to the country's 1937 constitution before lawmakers can pass the relevant legislation.

> **My voting 'No' is not a vote against gay and lesbian people. It's against changing the definition of marriage.**
> Dublin Archbishop Diarmuid Martin

All political parties and most lawmakers are on the "Yes" side. That lopsided reality, common in Irish referendums, has rebounded in previous contests when some voters, confused by the issue at hand or alienated from the political establishment, voted "No" in protest.

Catholic leaders and conservative pressure groups are arguing that legalization could produce surprising repercussions in Irish courts that could undermine traditional marriages. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LATVIA SUMMIT

EU seeks partnership with ex-Soviet nations

The European Union on Thursday urged six post-communist countries to move closer to the 28-nation bloc as a way to resist Russia's "bullying tactics," and build a brighter future for their citizens.

Speaking at the opening of a two-day summit in Riga, Latvia, European Council President Donald Tusk warned the former Soviet republics they had little to gain from falling back into Moscow's orbit instead of deepening their partnership with the West.

"The Eastern Partnership isn't a beauty contest between Russia and the EU," Tusk said. "But let me be frank, beauty does count. If Russia was a bit softer, more charming, more attractive, perhaps it would not have to compensate its shortcomings by destructive aggressive and bullying tactics against its neighbours."

German Chancellor Angela Merkel backed up Tusk's criticism of Moscow, saying that "the EU makes a crystal-clear difference with Russia. We accept that the different Eastern Partnership nations can go their own way and we accept these different ways."

The EU's partnership program with Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Armenia and Belarus suffered a major setback a year and a half ago, when Ukraine's then-president Viktor Yanukovych withdrew from signing an association agreement and opted for closer links with Moscow and President Vladimir Putin.

After Yanukovych was ousted, Ukraine's new leadership turned back toward the EU but paid a heavy price: Russia annexed Crimea, large swaths of eastern territory bordering Russia are embroiled in conflict and the nation is in deep economic decline.

Meanwhile, Armenia and Belarus limited their relations with the EU by joining Russia's Eurasian Economic Union and Azerbaijan is showing little excitement about the EU partnership, sending its foreign minister to Riga instead of its president.

Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova are still seeking deeper integration, but many EU countries are reluctant to open the door for membership in the Western club. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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California oil spill cleanup underway

OIL SPILL

Crude slick stretched nine miles along state's coast

More than 7,700 gallons (29,000 litres) of oil has been raked, skimmed and vacuumed from a spill stretching across nine miles (14 kilometres) of California coast, just a fraction of the sticky crude that escaped from a ruptured pipeline, officials said Thursday.

Up to 105,000 gallons (400,000 litres) may have leaked from the pipeline Tuesday, and up to 21,000 gallons reached the sea just northwest of Santa Barbara, according to estimates from the pipeline operator.

The environmental impact was still being assessed, but there was no immediate evidence of widespread harm to birds and sea life.

The early toll on wildlife included five oil-covered pelicans, which were taken in to be cleaned, officials said. Biologists counted dead fish and crustaceans along sandy beaches and rocky shores.

The spill occurred along a long, rustic coast that forms the northern boundary of the Santa Barbara Channel, home to a rich array of sea life. Whales, dolphins, sea lions, seals, sea otters and birds use the waters between the mainland and the Channel Islands, five of which are a national park surrounded by a national marine sanctuary.

Workers in protective suits shovelled black sludge off beaches, and boats towed booms into place to corral two oil slicks. The number of cleanup workers surpassed 300, and the number of boats working the slicks rose to 18, officials said.

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A worker prepares an oil containment boom at Refugio State Beach, north of Goleta, Calif., Thursday. JAE C. HONG/AP PHOTO

JAPAN

Disputed dolphin hunt to continue

The fishing town of Taiji will not stop its dolphin hunts, the mayor said Thursday, after Japan's aquariums decided to stop buying captured dolphins under international pressure sparked by cruelty concerns.

"We are hunting under the permission of the Japanese government and prefecture, and so we will continue to protect our fishermen and the methods. We will not quit," said Kazutaka Sangen, mayor of the small town in central Japan.

> **WAZA gave in to anti-whaling activists that turned dolphin hunting into an international problem.**
> Mayor Kazutaka Sangen

The eating of dolphin and whale meat is waning in Japan as people's tastes change, but some Japanese see it as no different from eating chicken or beef.

They are puzzled by how the international view on dolphin and whale hunting is so different from that of traditional fishing communities like Taiji.

On Wednesday, the Japanese Association of Zoos and Aquariums announced it would stop buying Taiji dolphins.

It had risked being suspended by the World Association of Zoos and Aquariums, which characterized the Taiji hunt as "cruel" and decided that none of its members should acquire dolphins in such a way.

In Taiji's hunt, notoriously filmed in the Oscar-winning documentary The Cove, dolphins are scared with banging, herded into a cove and speared by fishermen for their meat. The best-looking animals are sold to aquariums and marine shows for thousands of dollars each.

Sangen scoffed at the views expressed by WAZA.

"WAZA gave in to the anti-whaling activists that turned dolphin hunting into an international problem. I believe there was a better way to handle the issue," he told reporters. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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OECD STUDY

Wealth gap affecting growth

The widening gap between haves and have-nots in much of the developed world is holding back economic growth, according to a new global study.

Far from a rising tide lifting all ships, income inequality increases in good economic times as well as bad, Thursday's report from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development says.

An increase in income inequality between 1985 and 2005 knocked 4.7 percentage points off cumulative growth between 1990 and 2010 on average across its 34 member countries, it concluded in its report, In It Together, Why Less Inequality Benefits All.

The problem is particularly acute in the U.S.: Between 2008 and 2013, real average household disposable income at the top 10 per cent rose 10.6 per cent, while in the bottom 10 per cent it fell 3.2 per cent, the OECD said. Austria, Denmark and France are other countries where rising income at the top has been accompanied by falling incomes at the bottom.

Policies to improve women's treatment in the labour market and measures to reverse the growing share of low-quality, "dead-end" jobs are key to reducing income inequality and unlocking more economic growth, the OECD said.

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Shopify CEO Tobias Lutke, centre wearing hat, rings the New York Stock Exchange opening bell on Thursday, marking the Canadian company's IPO. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shopify's shares jump 51%

E-COMMERCE

Ottawa-based company's IPO priced each share at $17

Shares of Shopify climbed 51 per cent in the company's first day of trading Thursday, one day after raking in $131 million in its initial public offering, more than expected.

Shopify Inc. stock rose $8.68 to close at $25.68. The offering of 7.7 million shares priced at $17 each, valuing the entire company at around $1.27 billion.

The Canadian company works with merchants who want to offer their own online checkout services, providing a platform for small- and mid-size businesses that sell products online. Clients can use Shopify's software to handle sales made through mobile phones, the web, physical stores and other means.

The jump put Shopify on pace for one of the strongest first days among companies that went public in 2015. The biggest gainers have been cancer drug developer Aduro Biotech Inc. and Shake Shack Inc., both of which more than doubled on their first day of trading.

The stock is trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol SHOP.

The company said it handled $3.8 billion in transactions in 2014. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT SHOPIFY

E-Commerce: Shopify targets small- and medium-sized business with software for designing, building and managing sales across the web, mobile applications and stores. Its 165,000 customers in 150 countries include Tesla Motors and the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers.

Value: The company's IPO was priced at $17 US per share, up from the $14 to $16 range the company had previously indicated, because of investor interest.

Humble beginnings: The company grew from three Ottawa men looking to sell snowboarding equipment online. The platform they built turned into Shopify, In 2006, they began offering its services to other.

Growth: Originally five people, Shopify now has more than 500 employees in Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal. The company's new headquarters in downtown Ottawa can accommodate 740 employees.

Business model: Around 60 per cent of Shopify's revenue comes from selling subscriptions to its platform. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ottawa Festivals

WEEKEND, May 22-24, 2015

The city will be bustling with festivals and events this summer, and plans are underway to make Canada's 150th a milestone to remember in the Nation's Capital.

Acromaniacs performers Edge, right, and Daniel Aubin of Hamilton, Ont., entertain the crowds during a past Ottawa Buskerfest.
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Keeping Canada's 150th birthday party going ... all year long

RECOGNIZING A MILESTONE

Ottawa has big plans for a 2017 celebration

Jen Traplin
For Metro

In 2017, Canada will celebrate its 150th anniversary and the nation's capital plans to keep the party going all year long.

Recognizing the importance of this milestone, the City of Ottawa set up a task force to explore extra opportunities to drive economic activity to the region. That has since been replaced by the non-profit organization Celebrations Ottawa Inc., whose board members include Mayor Jim Watson and representatives of Ottawa's festival, sports, and tourism industries, among others.

The city is hoping to attract 1.75 million more visitors in 2017, about 20 per cent more than average. Since 2013, a major push has been to draw significantly more traffic to the Ottawa area for Canada's 150th anniversary celebrations.

To date, there are more than 35 major conventions confirmed, as well as a number of high-profile events like the Canadian track and field championships, the Canadian video game awards and the 2017 Roar of the Rings, with more being added to the calendar all the time.

"2017 is a once-in-a-generation opportunity for Ottawa and we need our business and events communities to seize this opportunity to create innovative partnerships and unique celebrations in order for the year to be truly successful," Watson said.

Guy Laflamme is responsible for the planning, development and implementation of the City of Ottawa's 2017 celebrations. He says the festivities are important for a number of reasons.

"These events will enhance our city's reputation as an impressive tourist destination and generate long-term economic growth for the region," Laflamme said. "In addition to a robust lineup of community activities, we are planning a series of bold productions with the highest calibre of artistic excellence."

Carole Anne Piccinin, Celebrations Ottawa board member and executive director of Ottawa Festivals, agrees with Laflamme about the importance of 2107, saying all eyes will be on Ottawa.

"As the nation's capital, the country is naturally looking to Ottawa to celebrate and we want to be able to, not only support the national agenda, but complement it by showcasing the richness we have locally — culturally, historically and artistically," she said.

For more information on the 2017 celebrations, visit ottawa.ca or ottawa2017.ca.

A special task force, Celebrations Ottawa, is finding new opportunities for Canada's 150th.

Tim Hortons Ottawa Dragon Boat Festival runs June 25-28. GARECH AMOS/FOR METRO

The 2015 Ottawa festival listings

CANADA'S MAGNETIC NORTH THEATRE FESTIVAL
JUNE 4-13
This year's festival will feature two sensational outdoor pay-what-you-can performances next to the world-famous Rideau Canal, and a huge range of fun and free audience encounters.

CANADA DANCE FESTIVAL
JUNE 6-13
This year, the Canada Dance Festival is inviting work that changes our idea of what dance can be — dance as a rock concert, dance as an art installation, dance in your own front yard.

FESTIVAL FRANCO-ONTARIEN BANQUE NATIONALE
JUNE 11-13
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ITALIAN WEEK
JUNE 11-21
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OTTAWA FRINGE FESTIVAL
JUNE 17-28
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OTTAWA RIBFEST ON SPARKS STREET
JUNE 17-21
Teams compete for the top rank of best rib choice, best rib sauce, best chicken choice, and best chicken sauce.

GLOWFAIR
JUNE 19-20
A festival of light, art, and music, Glow Fair showcases Bank Street's vibrant neighbourhood.

TD OTTAWA JAZZ FESTIVAL
JUNE 18 TO JULY 1
This year's lineup features jazz royalty like Branford Marsalis and The Stanley Clarke Band, avant-garde hipsters like the Soul Rebels and Moon Hooch and headliners Huey Lewis and The News, The Roots, and more.

The Kingdom of Osgoode Medieval Festival
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CANADA DAY
JULY 1
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COMPANY OF FOOLS TORCHLIGHT SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL
JULY 2 TO AUG. 15
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MUSIC AND BEYOND
JULY 4-17
A classical music and multidisciplinary arts festival, known for its "beyond" elements as a music festival, exploring links between music, art forms and cultural disciplines.

TD Ottawa Jazz Festival. CONTRIBUTED

RBC ROYAL BANK BLUESFEST
JULY 8-19
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JULY 10-12
Professional jousting, dancing, sword play, kids' games, live music, vendors, archery and more.

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JULY 10 TO SEPT. 12
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JULY 15-19
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JULY 23 TO AUG. 6
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LATIN AMERICAN FESTIVAL
SEPT. 6
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HOUSE OF PAINT
SEPT. 10-14
House of PainT is a multi-day celebration of hip-hop culture under the Dunbar Bridge in Brewer Park.

OTTAWA INTERNATIONAL ANIMATION FESTIVAL
SEPT. 16-20
Enjoy cutting-edge, thoughtful, funny and provocative animation films while mingling with many of animation's most celebrated stars.

Osgoode Medieval Festival. JIM SPENCE PHOTO

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8. Gain work experience (looks good on the resume!)
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1. Have fun!

Capital Vélo Fest — a night-time bicycle ride on closed city streets . CONTRIBUTED

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CityFolk is a celebration of music, dance, visual arts and community, featuring an eclectic mix of performances, music workshops, artisan and craft vendors, and more.

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Enjoy a fun-filled day in the country at the "Best Little Fair in Canada."

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SEPT. 25
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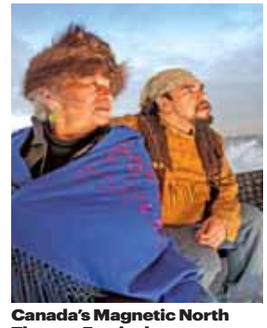

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Sponsorships have evolved

CORPORATE INVESTMENT

Companies are using festivals to engage with customers

Jen Traplin
For Metro

Ottawa festivals and events generate tens of millions of dollars annually in economic activity and much of that success can be attributed to corporate sponsorships, which give organizers the resources they need to stage their events.

Twenty years ago, sponsorship simply meant having a business logo on an event banner, but, these days, sponsors are looking for more.

"The event industry is evolving," said Lee Dunbar, director of communications and community development at Ottawa Festivals, adding partnerships are now win-win-win situations. "Businesses and event planners are working together for mutually beneficial activities that extend well beyond simply placing a logo in recognition for support.

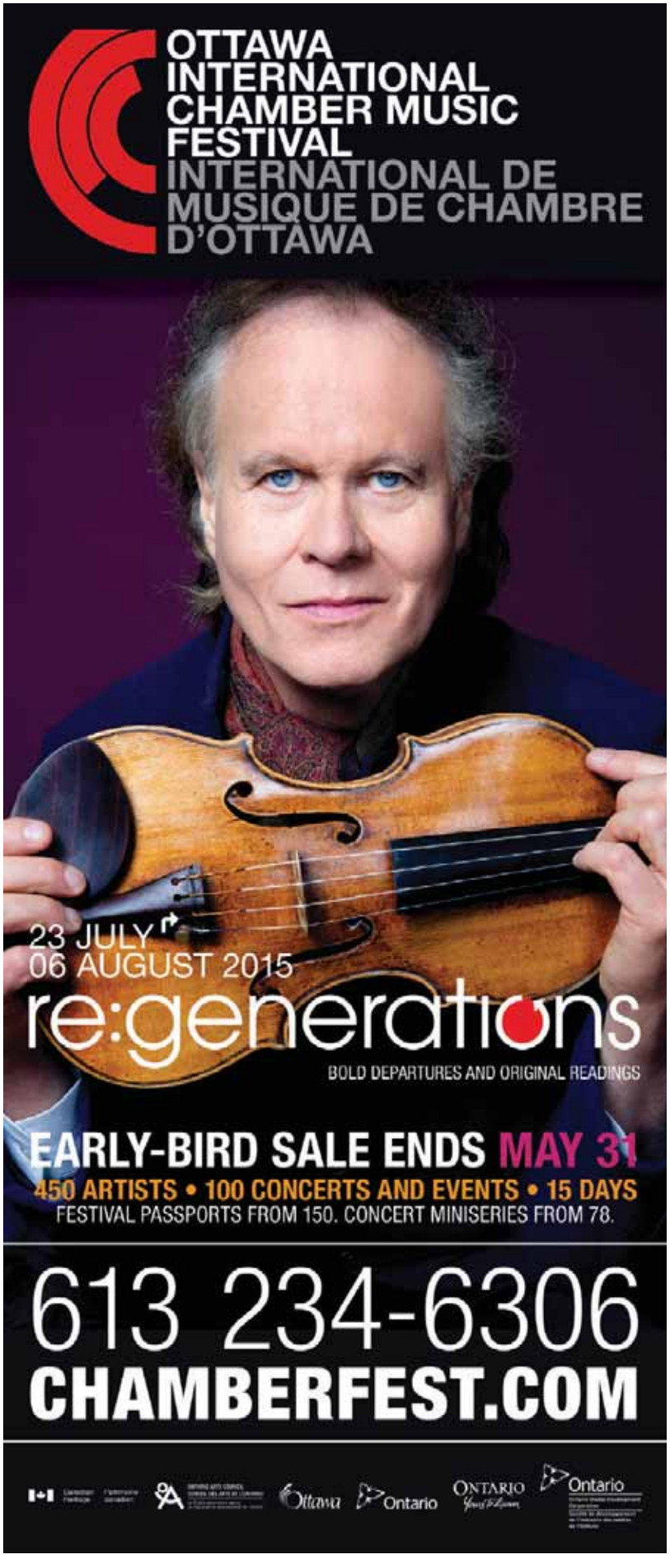
"Both business partners and event planners benefit, but so do the audiences or event participants who benefit from access to enhanced or improved experiences that might not have been possible without this type of partnership."

Mark Monahan, executive director of two of the region's flagship festivals, RBC Royal Bank Bluesfest and CityFolk, says times have definitely changed.

"When we started Bluesfest, the notion was, do sponsors want to have a banner at your event or put their name on the stage? And I think that has evolved into less about sponsors wanting a banner at your front gate and more about trying to activate with your customers," he said, adding that could be through ticket giveaways or access to exclusive areas.

"Companies are looking at more direct means of advertising, more targeting. As a consumer, we're faced with so many choices that people are now looking for more of a personal connection."

Monahan says festivals and events offer an experiential marketing opportunity that is unlike traditional forms of advertising because they have the ability to get people together and deliver them live to, potentially, a corporate entity that can engage them somehow in a brand.



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Expo event to set up Canada's 150th

Jen Traplin
For Metro

Hoping to make Canada's 150th anniversary celebration in 2017 a year to remember, Mayor Jim Watson has put out a call to action for local businesses and organizations of all stripes to pitch in and do their part.

Ottawa Festivals is answering that call with Pitchfest + Expo 2015, a new event that aims to bring together the local festival and business communities to create unique ideas and opportunities.

"The mayor is looking to animate everything in our orbit, and the festival community does a wonderful job of doing that on an annual basis, but, leading up to 2017, we're aiming for something more extraordinary," said Carole Anne Piccinin, executive director of Ottawa Festivals.

"This event is Ottawa Festivals' direct response to the mayor's call to step up to support Ottawa's 2017 celebrations. We have responded by creating this expo and networking event that will bring the business community and the festival industry together to make great things happen."

Pitchfest + Expo 2015 is an all-day event, taking place Nov. 20 in the Aberdeen Pavilion at Lansdowne Park. There will be an information expo as well as a professional development component where members of the festival industry can learn cutting-edge information about event delivery and execution.

There will also be partnership lounges — spaces set up to create opportunities for dialogue and synergy to spark creativity. The event will conclude with the annual volunteer awards.

The entire Ottawa festival, special events and fair industry is invited to get involved in Expo 2015 and businesses interested in exploring opportunities with the city's many diverse festivals are welcome to attend.

"This event is intended to create synergies and partnerships and bring great value and opportunity for both the business community and the festival industry," Piccinin said. "We want to showcase what's best about our industry and what our business community has to offer."

Although 2017 is a ways away, she said Ottawa's festival network wants to be ahead of the game.

"To be successful in the festival industry, you need to be an exceptional planner. We understand the value of being ready and that's what this event is really about — getting our industry, the business community and the city in a state of readiness to deliver in 2017. We believe this event is going to provide a really great leg up to leverage the opportunities that we want to see locally come out of 2017."

For more information about Pitchfest + Expo 2015, contact Joe Holubowich at joe@ottawafestivals.ca or visit ottawafestivals.ca.

Jordanian women sew jeans for the U.S. market in a garment factory in the village of Kitteh in northern Jordan. The factory has created employment in an area where options had largely been limited to men joining the army and women staying home. RAAD ADAYLEH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lack of jobs for youth in Middle East

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM

Unemployment rate of 29.5% is world's highest

Fawziyeh Sharif and dozens of other young women who make jeans for the U.S. market in a factory in the village of Kitteh in northern Jordan consider themselves lucky — even though they spend 48 hours a week bent over sewing machines for minimum wage.

Sharif, 24, landed her first job when the Ivory Garments Factory opened last year in an area where options had been limited to men joining the army and women staying home. Yet for millions of young people in the Middle East and North Africa, jobs remain out of reach and the problem has only worsened in the post-Arab Spring turmoil.

Starting Thursday, political and business leaders from 58 countries are coming together for a regional conference of the World Economic Forum and Mideast youth unemployment will be on the agenda.

The problem has been debated for years, but has taken on even greater urgency with the appeal of militant ideas among desperate young people and the extremist Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant's land grab in Syria and Iraq.

Widespread joblessness creates fertile ground for recruitment by militants, said Samir Murad, a former Jordanian labour minister. There is a risk that if the unemployed "don't find a decent living, they look for the alternatives, and the alternative is the so-called Islamic State," he said.

There are many reasons why the young are unemployed.

A "youth bulge" has created a rising demand for jobs that cannot be met at a time of tepid economic growth blamed on low oil prices and prolonged conflict.

Outdated education systems are creating graduates who often lack skills sought by the private sector. Old social contracts in which autocratic governments serve as the largest employers and buy acquiescence with large-scale subsidies of food and fuel have been breaking down.

Jordan has one of the region's lowest rates of women in the workforce because of constraints imposed by a traditional society. To get around this, the garment factory in the northern village of Kitteh employs 82 women, but no local men. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JOB MARKET

Cultural factors play role in labour mismatches

Jordanians traditionally shun socially stigmatized blue-collar jobs in construction and agriculture, leaving those to be filled by hundreds of thousands of migrant workers and Syrian refugees — despite a national unemployment rate of 13 per cent and youth unemployment of more than 30 per cent.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

PayPal's chief promising new services

As PayPal prepares to split from its corporate parent, its new chief executive is promising to expand the popular online payment system, adding a variety of services for consumers to use when shopping on their phones or in traditional stores.

PayPal will be spinning off from parent company eBay later this year at a time when it's facing new competitive challenges. Alibaba, Amazon and even Facebook are promoting online payment systems, while Apple Pay and Google Wallet are competing to handle transactions in stores and on mobile devices.

Veteran executive Dan Schulman, who will be CEO of the new PayPal, says his company will compete by positioning itself as a "full-service" payments partner for consumers and merchants, handling mobile transactions, credit purchases and even customer loyalty rewards programs.

PayPal was best known for many years as a payment method for purchases made on desktop computers. But consumers are increasingly using mobile phones to shop online and even when they make purchases in traditional, brick-and-mortar stores. Almost a third of transactions handled by PayPal are now made on mobile devices.

"Those worlds are blurring," Schulman told The Associated Press in an interview Thursday. "When you go into a store environment, and you have your mobile phone with you, it should be a simple step to do a checkout from that device."

Schulman spoke after an event where PayPal announced new partnerships with companies that help merchants sell goods online around the world, including in India and China. PayPal also touted a recent partnership with Burger King that lets consumers pay for their meals with a smartphone. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Happy face/Sad face

From **mangled maps** to **Arctic adventures**, Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week

Multiple Maritime map mix-ups

A Calgary tour company had to apologize twice this week for bungling maps of two provinces. A brochure from Anderson Vacations advertised three Newfoundland landmarks — Deer Lake, Main Brook, and the capital, St. John's — on a map of Nova Scotia's Cape Breton Island. The company said sorry a second time for a map that identified St. John's, N.L. as Saint John, a city in New Brunswick. CBC.CA

Missing man safe after 60km Arctic trek

Parks Canada employee Brian Koonoo, who was reported missing May 15 from Hall Beach, Nunavut, turned up this week after a four-day search through freezing temperatures and blowing snow. Koonoo, an expert hunter, lost his radio. His snowmobile broke down and his GPS ran out of batteries. With help of a map app, on Wednesday at 5:30 a.m., he arrived on foot at his destination, Repulse Bay, after a 60-km stroll. CBC.CA

Pot may be bad news for boys' growth

Smoking marijuana early in life can interfere with boys' development, says a new study from the European Society of Endocrinology. Researchers measured hormones in the blood of 220 non-smoking and 217 marijuana-addicted boys. Puberty hormones were elevated, and growth hormones depressed, in marijuana smokers. The non-smokers were an average four kilograms heavier and 4.6 inches taller by age 20. SCIENCEDAILY.COM

Teen hailed for healthy invention

Forget baking-soda volcanoes: A Vancouver student invented a way to curb global epidemics for his science project — and now he's $75,000 US richer. Raymond Wang, 17, won first prize at the International Science and Engineering Fair in Pittsburgh, Pa. on Friday. He created a new air circulation system to redirect air to give everyone their own breathing space in aircraft cabins. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Thanks, Air Canada, for the laugh at others' pain

THE KOHLER REPORT
Rebecca Kohler

Do you ever find yourself deriving pleasure in other people's misfortunes? Like when you run into an ex-boyfriend who, for every hair he's lost, has gained a pound? There's a term for this perverse glee. It's called schadenfreude (from the German words schaden, for "damage" and freude, meaning "joy"). Well, I had some major damage-joy this week when I heard Air Canada was going to start cracking down on carry-on luggage. That's right, as of next week, Air Canada will be carefully inspecting your carry-on. If it's too big, they'll charge you $25 to check it.

Now, you might be thinking, "Rebecca, you idiot, you're also going to suffer — you are deriving pleasure from your own misfortune." But here's the thing, I won't. I won't suffer from this new rule because I was never one of those people who tried to bring my refrigerator onto the plane. My bags were always the appropriate size because I'm what they call a "rule-follower" (a.k.a. a brown-noser).

I tried a few times to bring my overnight clothes on board but almost every time I'd get singled out and be forced to check my bag at the gate. It's like when I travel, I turn into Mr. Bean and nothing goes my way. Flight attendants would stop me and tell me my bag was too big. Meanwhile, I'd see another person get on board with a cello and a pet elephant.

One time, as I boarded, I was told there was no overhead space left — a situation familiar to those who are often last to board (not-rich people). I checked my tiny suitcase, but when I got to my seat, I was shocked to find the overhead bin empty — while this is the kind of irony that made Alanis Morissette famous, all it caused for me was severe irritation.

Since giving up on trying to bring an extra set of undies on board, I have gritted my teeth while watching others get away with carry-on murder: "laptop" bags that could fit a desktop computer from 1988, or those people who affix two small suitcases together so it looks like one (you know who you are).

And because of those people, often — by the time I get on board with my modest but cool Herschel backpack — I can't even store it overhead and am forced to cram it down by my feet, giving me even less leg room than the centimetre I was allotted.

I won't suffer under this new rule, because I was never one of those people who tried to bring my refrigerator onto the plane.

So, yeah, I can't wait for the next time I fly, when I will get to watch everyone else go through what, for some reason, I've been going through my entire life. See you at the baggage carousel, suckers!

Rebecca Kohler is a standup comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter @becca_kohler

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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The government love sleuth's guide to spotting true passion

We're lucky we've got the government to judge and sanction modern love.

Just look at a Citizenship and Immigration Canada training document from 2007 — revealed this week — which offers tips on how to spot "non-genuine marital relationships."

The extra tool to counter "an observed temporary spike in cases of marriages of convenience," as a spokesperson put it, undoubtedly helped immigration officers in Ottawa cubicles identity the real deal, before the rules changed a few years ago.

And since what is love internationally is love domestically, it's helpful for us all.

For example, Chinese nationals marrying non-Chinese are suspicious. Restaurant receptions are dubious. No honeymoon, "not even a couple of days away"? Likely, no love. Oh, and diamonds, in ring form, are obligatory.

An age difference of more than 10 years (like that of my long-married parents) is a red flag. A lack of photos equals a lack of romance. And different ethnic and education backgrounds show lovers are pulling a scam. After all, in modern times, like marries like.

The document also clarifies that money DOES buy love, and is in fact key to its veracity. Sparing no cost on a wedding isn't cliché – it's credible.

Of course, this all makes it hard for poor people to avoid a sham marriage. And sadly, it means a few of my friends have love that's a lie.

Like the Canadians who eloped in Austin, Texas, using rings they already owned. And the ones who wed at a cottage without parents or professional photos.

I have bad news, too, for my friend who married a man from India, possibly one of those "very poor" countries that are a source of frauds looking for a better life. After all, the "more they have to gain, the higher the bar is to satisfy the bona fides."

Thank God I'm with an American; someone who "doesn't gain that much." I'm even grateful this document was released (via an access to information request). It will help us plan the right romantic evidence for the government love sleuth.

For instance, we won't use photos of us in pyjamas or cooking — like my colleague did on her application. They're an obvious attempt to prove fake cohabitation. She had to cough up better proof.

Citizenship and Immigration Canada, let it be said, has a very tough job measuring love. And if our non-traditional, on-the-cheap, interracial and sans-family weddings just don't match the state's ideals, we know who's wrong.

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Tempted by Tomorrowland?

OPENING WEEKEND

Disney remains mum on plot details of their $190M film

IN FOCUS

Richard Crouse

We're about to reach the tipping point of the summer and it's not even the end of May.

In a summer crowded with sequels like Avengers: Age of Ultron and Pitch Perfect 2; reboots like Terminator Genisys and Jurassic World; remakes like Poltergeist and Entourage — a TV show blown up for the big screen — along comes Tomorrowland, a big-budget film based on an original idea.

Not every film this year is a sequel, prequel or the like, but Tomorrowland, with a budget topping out at $190 million, is the most expensive original film to come down the pike this year.

Borrowing its name from the futuristic themed land found at Disney parks, the movie stars George Clooney as a former boy genius, and Britt Robertson as a gifted teenager, who — according to the press materials — "travel to a place somewhere in time and space only known as Tomorrowland where their actions directly affect the world and themselves."

Disney is deliberately keeping plot details under wraps, hoping the allure of mysterious trailers will draw people in. It's the opposite of the usual strategy of showcasing the film's highlights in a two-minute promo.

I was at the D23 Expo in Anaheim, Calif. — imagine the Disney version of Comic Con — in 2013 when Brad Bird and Damon Lindelof unveiled the name of the movie, but little else.

In a splashy presentation they claimed a "dusty old box" labelled 1952, that was found in the Disney Imagineering archives, had inspired the story.

Containing a mysterious mishmash of items, including a 1928 copy of Amazing Stories magazine, a photograph of Walt Disney and Amelia Earhart allegedly taken after her disappearance, a short animated documentary and an unidentified metal object, they said the idea of the film is to ask "what if these mystery clues were real?"

Teasing the potential audience into buying tickets is an intriguing but risky idea. It's a risk Bird was willing to take. He turned down the chance to direct Star Wars: Episode VII — The Force Awakens, to make Tomorrowland, saying, "it's rare to do a film of this size that's original, so those opportunities can't be missed either."

But will it be an opportunity that moviegoers will embrace? Suggesting that Hollywood only feels comfortable with movies that are pre-sold via brand recognition is an understatement. Whether it is a familiar title with a number added or any movie from the mighty Marvel stable, the big studios aren't in the habit of taking chances and it's not their fault. It's ours.

Britt Robertson stars in Tomorrowland, the most expensive original film to come out this summer. CONTRIBUTED

One of the main complaints I hear from people is that there are no interesting movies in release and yet Furious 7 and Age of Ultron have grossed amounts equal to the GNP of some small nations.

By supporting big-budget "branded" movies, we send the message that original stories don't interest us, only ones that give us what we expect.

While we have the chance, why not take a chance on a movie that takes a risk?

That's the tipping point. Check out Tomorrowland or Ex Machina.

If sci-fi isn't your thing, how about Aloha or Inside Out? There is room for all kinds of movies but why not vote with your feet and let the studios know that their steady diet of sequels, prequels and reboots is quickly nearing its best-by date.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Tomorrowland ★★★
Welcome To Me ★★★★
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HOW RATING WORKS	
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★★★	WORTHWHILE
★★	UP TO YOU
★	SKIP IT

Emily Blunt calls role 'intelligent argument'

WOMEN AT CANNES

Sicario star uses her work to celebrate women in film

British actress Emily Blunt at the Cannes Film Festival. BERTRAND LANGLOIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Emily Blunt didn't come to the Cannes Film Festival to talk about shoes.

She may have breezily, without hesitation, called out the silliness of any red-carpet dress code that would turn away women in flat shoes "in 2015," drawing headlines for her matter-of-fact defence of several heel-less guests who were refused admission to a premiere.

Blunt won't hesitate to speak her mind, but she would rather let her actions — and her characters — do the talking.

"We need to take more action and talk less about it," Blunt said in an interview shortly after her Sicario premiered at Cannes. "Instead of having nights that celebrate women in Hollywood, we should organize programs where you pay for female writers to develop their skills."

Blunt's skills are prominently on display in Sicario, a drug war thriller directed by Denis Villeneuve that's among the films competing in Cannes for the Palme d'Or. As practically the only female in the film, her strong presence anchors Sicario.

"I don't ever relate to characters that don't have their s—- together in their 30s," says Blunt. "I've been offered a couple of parts like that and I just say, 'I don't relate to it. I don't understand it.' I don't have an interest in playing those kinds of parts. As I get older, I just love seeing people that don't have their head in their hands. I like seeing people who cope."

The performance in Sicario has put Blunt among the women who have defined this year's Cannes Film Festival, from Cate Blanchett in the '50s lesbian drama Carol to Charlize Theron in the dystopian drag race Mad Max: Fury Road, for their solitary strength in male-dominated worlds.

Before Blunt came aboard Sicario, there was pressure to change her role to a man.

"It's more an anomaly to see a character like this in cinema," says Blunt.

"But the reality from the FBI agents that I spoke to, there's a lot of chicks in law enforcement. We just don't make movies about them very often."

The 32-year-old Blunt , who's married to actor John Krasinski, hesitated at tackling the grim, brutal tale of Sicario (which translates as hitman).

Villeneuve, the Québécois director of Prisoners and Incendies, met with the British actress four weeks after she gave birth to her daughter. She was feeling, she says, "the opposite of the character."

"It seemed at the time like a bad fit for me to be doing at that point in my life," says Blunt.

"But I actually thought: This is really good to put out there for my daughter ... for her to see.

"I start to think now, becoming a mother: What am I putting out there in the world and what affect will that have? It's not only a really fantastic role for a woman; it's an intelligent argument."

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THRILLER

Villeneuve's look at a violent drug war

Canadian director Denis Villeneuve unveiled his drug war thriller Sicario at the Cannes Film Festival on Tuesday, premiering a muscular saga that plunges deep into Mexico only to reveal more about the other side of the border.

"For me, the movie's not about Mexico," Villeneuve told reporters. "The movie's about America."

Emily Blunt stars as an FBI agent enlisted to a task force led by a cocky CIA operative (Josh Brolin). They're joined by a mysterious Columbian played by Benicio del Toro. In clandestine raids into Mexico and other illicit activities, they attempt to bring down a cartel boss.

A bleakly violent thriller, Sicario is the Québécois director's second collaboration with the revered cinematographer Roger Deakins. Like their 2013 kidnapping drama Prisoners, it's heavy with allusion to the morality of employing violent military tactics for the sake of American safety.

"We are living in a time where grey zones are more blurred than ever," said Villeneuve.

Del Toro, though, said the drug trafficking drama of Sicario, which Lionsgate will release in the U.S. on Sept. 18, is familiar territory for him.

"I'm an old horse when it comes to that problem," the Puerto Rican actor said.

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FEMALE LEAD

Director said no to rewrite

The director acknowledged that there was initially pressure for Emily Blunt's protagonist to be rewritten for a male actor.

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Denis Villeneuve, director of Sicario, on the morality of employing violent military tactics for the sake of American safety

Director Denis Villeneuve. LUIS RICARDO MONTEMAYOR CISNEROS

CANNES OUT-OF-COMPETITION SCREENING

Explicit film Love brings graphic 3D sex scenes to screens at Cannes

A scene from the explicit 3D romance Love. CONTRIBUTED

The movies are in love with love, but they're often squeamish about sex.

That's not something that can be said about director Gaspar Noe, whose new film Love brings graphic sex — in myriad positions, in twosomes, threesomes and groups — to the Cannes Film Festival.

A depiction of turbulent youthful relationships, it's extremely explicit — and it's in 3D. Love is full frontal, in-your-face filmmaking.

"I want to make movies out of blood, sperm and tears," said the central male character, an American film student in Paris. That could be Noe's motto, too.

I want to make movies out of blood, sperm and tears

Love's male lead

The director wants to smash the convention that keeps graphic eroticism out of mainstream cinema.

Love stars American actor Karl Glusman and European performers Aomi Muyock and Klara Kristin as the members of a turbulent love triangle in Paris. The actors said they were initially uncomfortable with the film's all-baring intimacy, though they came to embrace it.

Love offers an eye-catching mix of sex and 3D, a technology Noe says he used because it was a new challenge.

The film was — unsurprisingly — one of the most anticipated films at Cannes, where it is playing as a special out-of-competition screening.

Yet some reviewers found it disappointingly limp. The Guardian newspaper called it "50 shades of vanilla."

Whatever the critics say, sex will sell Love — and also limit its commercial prospects.

It will probably have a limited release in the United States.

"The Americans, when it comes to film distribution, they can be very square," Noe said.

"I think this movie could never have been done in America. No way." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

On the darker side of funny

SOPHOMORE DIRECTOR

Shira Piven takes a risk in comedy about mental illness

Steve Gow
For Metro

When Shira Piven went searching for a story to make her second movie, she came across a script that might have scared off a lot of other filmmakers. After all, Welcome To Me isn't just a comedy — it's a comedy about mental illness.

"I feel like the script was written with care," explained the sophomore director from Los Angeles. "It's definitely risky to make a movie that has funny elements about a woman who has borderline personality disorder, which is a very real thing, but there are lots of funny things that happen in real life; lots of absurb moments that we all stumble into — even people with mental illness — so the tone of the script was very familiar to me."

Even so, Piven insists she was "extremely careful and respectful" in crafting the fictional comedy about unstable Alice Klieg (Kristen Wiig) — a woman who wins the lottery and, inspired by her idol Oprah Winfrey, buys herself a talk show in which to broadcast her own incredibly personal interests and issues.

"I think the mental illness illuminates the social illness in the movie," said Piven, referring to the parallels of Klieg's obsession with today's cultural infatuation to "broadcast" our lives through social media.

Piven also admits that casting Kristen Wiig was key to balancing that fine line between drawing laughs and simply treading on a sensitive social issue. Although Wiig is best known for crafting sidesplitting characters from her days on Saturday Night Live, the Bridesmaids star portrays Alice Klieg with subdued poignancy.

"I was inspired by certain performances that I'd seen," says Piven, who specifically points to Martin Scorsese's 1982 film The King of Comedy in which comedians Jerry Lewis and Sandra Bernhard played serious parts. "They played it absolutely straight so they were fascinating. I find the darker side of funny people really fascinating (so) I felt that I wanted an actress like Kristen — an actress that really began in a comic place intuitively but could also go to more tragic, darker places."

> **I find the darker side of funny people really fascinating**
> Director Shira Piven

Kristen Wiig in the dark comedy Welcome to Me. CONTRIBUTED

Wind Kristen Wiig up, and let her go

"That's your job as a director when you're working with good people," said Shira Piven of working with Kristen Wiig.

"Create an environment where they feel free to play and be their most free self. So a lot of time it was just about keeping a very relaxed atmosphere on set and making sure she felt safe and comfortable trying a lot of different things."

Improvising and flexing her comedy muscle

Co-produced by her longtime husband and filmmaker Adam McKay, Piven admits the Anchorman-director helped her flex her comedy muscle.

"He's got this kind of amazing method of directing comedy and when he produces, he always encourages directors to use improvisation and get alternate takes," said Piven.

"Its not entirely a comedy but definitely, (he) gave me more confidence to do more improvising."

TOMORROWLAND

Clooney: aging actor, eternal optimist

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Life

George Clooney may be one of the few bona fide movie stars we have left, but he still thinks he's a bit out of place in the summer blockbuster arena.

"Putting me in a summer movie is a very bold thought," he says with his trademark smirk. "First and foremost, I think it's a really bold thing for Disney to be willing to do a film that isn't a sequel and isn't a comic book and truly invest in a summer film of this sort of ilk."

Which sort of ilk, exactly? Tomorrowland, directed by Brad Bird and written by Bird and Lost creator Damon Lindelof, features Clooney as "a former boy genius who's gotten bitter in his old age" — to hear Clooney himself describe it — who teams up with a precocious teen (Britt Robertson) to get back to the secret world of Tomorrowland, where the smartest minds disappeared back in the 1960s to build a better future.

"Just so we're clear, when Damon and Brad showed up at my house, they said, 'We've got a part we've written for you,'" Clooney remembers. "And then I opened up the description of the character — 'A 55-year-old has-been.' I'm kind of going, 'Wait, hey, hey, hey, hang on a minute. Which part am I reading for?'"

George Clooney stars in a new Disney film about trying to go back to the 1960s to make the world a better place. DISNEY 2015

Luckily, Clooney got over any lingering sense of vanity. "I just loved the idea," he says. "We live in a world right now where you turn on your television set and it's rough out there and it's not fun, and it can really wear on you after a period of time. We see generations now feeling as if it's sort of hopeless in a way. What I love about it is it speaks to the idea that your future is not preordained and predestined, and that if you're involved, a single voice can make a difference — and I believe in that."

That 1960s optimism is something Clooney would like to see more of here in the 21st century."I grew up during the Cold War period, and I always found that although we always thought that the world would end in a nuclear holocaust at some point, everybody was pretty hopeful," he says.

> **What I loved about the film was that it reminds you that young people don't start out their lives cynical or angry.**
> George Clooney

"There was an awful lot of things going on that you felt you could change. I grew up in an era where the voice, the power of the one really did feel as if it mattered. What I loved about the film was that it reminds you that young people don't start out their lives cynical or angry or bigoted. You have to be taught all of those things. I watch the world now and think well, I see really good signs from young people out there and I feel as if the world will get better. I've always been an optimist. I've been a realist, but I've been an optimist about it."

IN BRIEF

Twerking, lolz added to Scrabble dictionary

Twerking, hashtag and facetime are among 6,500 new entries in the Scrabble "Bible" that reflect the Internet age, but have left traditionalists squirming.

The number of new editions in Official Scrabble Words, released by British publishing house Collins, is double the amount added to the previous edition — boosted by slang, pop culture and the web.

"The Internet age has revolutionised the inclusion of slang in dictionaries and Collins' Official Scrabble Words is no exception," said Helen Newstead, head of language content at Collins.

Some of the highest-scoring new words include quinzhee, an Inuit snow shelter, and the Yiddish term schvitz, to sweat.

Also included are onomatopoeic interjections, or words created from sounds such as augh, blech, eew and yeesh. AFP

One World wonder

From the top of One World Trade Center, videos and multimedia displays reflect the hope and optimism of a tower and a city that rose from the ruins of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

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AT THE TOP

Panoramic city views

At the observatory, which opens May 29, visitors can stand on a round video platform that shows an actual livestream of the view straight down. There's also wraparound views stretching 80 kilometres past the Manhattan skyline to the Atlantic Ocean. On the elevator ride down, LED screens surrounding passengers simulate the flight of a bird or plane high above the site, dipping and soaring around the skyscrapers all the way back to the ground.

$32 **Price of an adult ticket to One World Observatory. Tickets for seniors cost $30 and $26 for children.**
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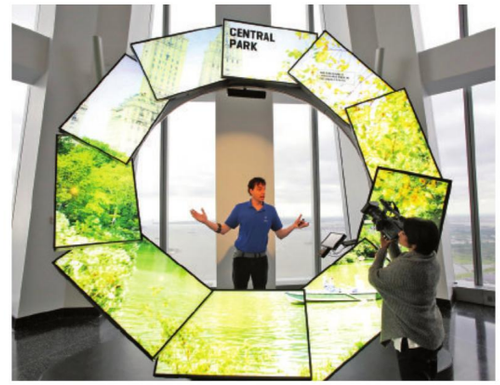
WHAT'S IN THE OBSERVATORY

Panels inform visitors

Stepping from the elevator to the One World Observatory, visitors are greeted with display panels showing 3D, bird's-eye scenes of the metropolis. The panels then lift to reveal New York City — right now. There's another display called City Pulse, a ring of high-definition video monitors marking popular city activities, neighbourhoods and "hot spots." A wave of the hand in the direction of any of these subjects opens further details.



"This is a reminder of moving forward.
David Checketts, CEO of Legends, operator of One World Observatory

WHEN YOU ENTER

Workers tell their stories

Just above the street-level entrance, faces of men and women who toiled to erect the gleaming, 1,776-foot, 104-storey tower appear in a jagged tunnel that replicates the building's bedrock, their recorded voices filled with both pain and pride. And during the 48-second elevator ride up to the 102nd floor, a 3D, time-lapse panorama shows 515 years of history at the tip of Manhattan, with the twin towers of the original World Trade Center appearing for less than four seconds before dissolving out of view.

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CANADA

10 places to try houseboating, from Vancouver to Saint John

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2. Shuswap and Mara lakes, B.C., in north Okanagan. sicamouschamber.bc.ca/houseboating

3. Lake Koocanusa, B.C., straddling the U.S.-Canada border. sunshinehouseboats.com

4. Tobin Lake in eastern Saskatchewan. aurorahouseboats.com

5. Lake of the Woods in northwestern Ontario. ontariossunsetcountry.ca/boating.cfm

6. Thousand Islands in the St. Lawrence River in southeastern Ontario. houseboatholidays.net

7. Rideau Canal, Ont., between Kingston and Ottawa. waterwaygetaway.com

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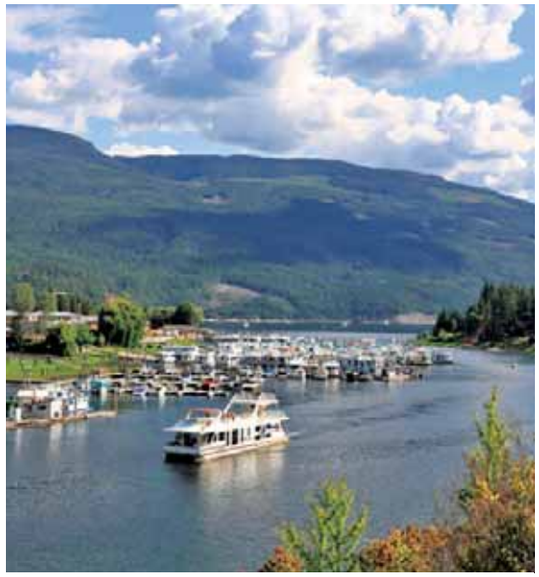

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VRTUCAR celebrates 15 years in Ottawa

In the late 1990s, Wilson Wood began to mull over the idea of establishing a car-sharing service in Ottawa.

At the time, similar services operated in a few Canadian cities, but Wood recognized that to succeed in Ottawa, he would have to tailor the offering to the characteristics of the local market. So he and a few colleagues went out with pen and paper to survey hundreds of Ottawans. Their research paid off: from a single vehicle and a handful of members in 2000, to 110 cars and nearly 3,000 members today.

"I think the key to success has been our community-centric model," says Wood, VRTUCAR's Chief Sharing Officer. "From the beginning, we've parked our cars in locations that are convenient for members. In most of the city, you're now never more than 500 metres from a VRTUCAR."

The VRTUCAR mobile site makes it easy to find the nearest available car. The service is also much less expensive than owning a car. Based on data from the Canadian Automobile Association, owning a car costs about $5,000 more per year than using VRTUCAR to drive the same number of kilometres.

"Our members tend to reserve cars when they have lots of running around to do," says Wood. "Car owners tend to make a separate trip for each errand. That adds up in a hurry."

Decreased environmental impact is another important advantage. The average Canadian car racks up 15,000 kilometres per year, while the average VRTUCAR member travels fewer than 500. Many do most of their travelling on foot or by bike, bus and train.

The company offers several tiers of membership, including a special rate for regular OC Transpo users. Thanks to a special partnership with VIA and other car-sharing services, VRTUCAR members can get a discounted train fare to Montreal and access there.

The company is now working on an app that would combine data from VRTUCAR and OC Transpo, an exciting prospect, according to Wilson Wood. "Members could check their mobile and choose the option that best suits their budget, time frame and destination."

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Social change and the rise of car-sharing

The rapid rise of car sharing reflects a larger trend that social scientists like to call collaborative consumerism. The logic behind it is simple enough: why pay the full cost of ownership when you use something only occasionally? And as the number of shared cars available through services such as VRTUCAR increases, that logic makes more and more sense.

Four factors help drive collaborative consumerism in general and car-sharing in particular. The first is that keeping a car on the road is much more expensive than renting them on an as-needed basis, even when driving the same total distance.

Convenience is a second factor. With a shared car, you never need to search for a parking spot or visit a garage. And you can find, reserve, cancel and even extend a rental period with a mobile phone. Which brings us to IT functionality, the third factor. Today, Internet-enabled mobile devices are incredibly sophisticated.

Environmentalism is the fourth factor. More and more people recognize that rampant consumerism is bad for the planet and that sharing resources — cars, apartments, tools and more — is a good for all. People who own cars tend to drive many more kilometres than those who rent or share them. That means more pollution. Studies demonstrate that each shared car replaces from 9-to-13 privately owned vehicles. Car-sharing will help Ontarians meet the province's recently established target for greenhouse-gas emissions.

Many other factors also contribute to the rise of car sharing. One is the exorbitant cost of insurance for drivers without a continuous record of insurance. Membership in a car-sharing service is an effective solution.

Singing the praises of car-sharing

Recording artist Jeremy Fisher has been a member of VRTUCAR for six months.

His latest album, The Lemon Squeeze, is nominated for a Juno

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Metro: Why VRTUCAR?
Jeremy Fisher: I don't want to own a car. I live in the city and can do the majority of my trips by foot or by bike. There are two VRTUCARs on my street and several others in my neighbourhood, so I always have access when I need it.

M: What do you like about VRTUCAR?
JF: Before I became a member I would rent cars when I needed them. That turns out to be very expensive if you just need to go to the hardware store for an hour to pick up some supplies. VRTUCAR saves me time and money.

M: What was "One Less Tourbus?"
JF: One Less Tourbus was a 30-date tour I did across North America by bicycle in 2002. It was also about creating an alternative to the tour-bus lifestyle. VRTUCAR offers an alternative to the burden of owning a vehicle for everyday use.

M: What do music and car-sharing have in common?
JF: Music connects us. It lifts our spirits to start the day and comforts us through hard times. Car-sharing makes us part of a community of people who use fewer resources to get more out of life.

The Virtue of Green

When it comes to environmentalism, VRTUCAR walks the talk (after parking the car, of course) by collaborating with a long list of partners dedicated to all things green. Under a partnership with the Ottawa non-profit Envirocentre, for instance, VRTUCAR will award a $50 credit to companies that participate in Bike to Work month, running through May. VRTUCAR is also a key supporter of Ecology Ottawa's Great Glebe Green Garage Sale on May 23, and will donate 250 white-spruce saplings in support of Tree Ottawa's goal of planting one million trees by 2017. To encourage alternative forms of transportation, the company is also running an online contest: the best video about sustainable transportation will win a $600 folding bike from Mountain Equipment Co-op.

"VRTUCAR is a leader in environmental stewardship among local businesses in Ottawa," says Josh Snider of Ecology Ottawa. "As a former car owner, I have seen the environmental footprint of my transportation needs—not to mention my costs — plummet since becoming a member of VRTUCAR."

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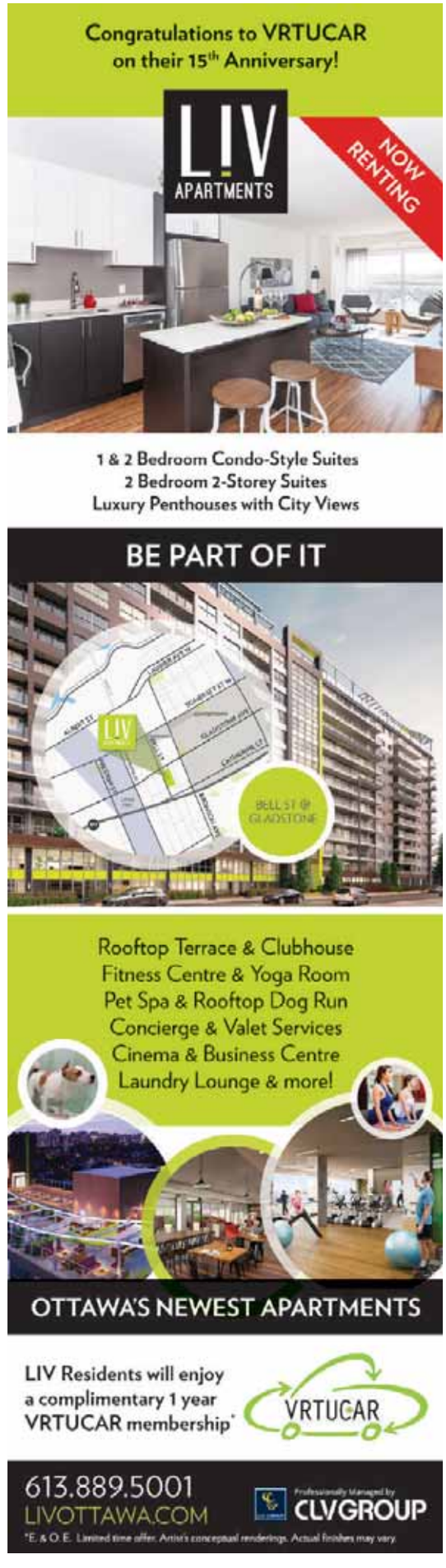
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Milos Raonic, who is recovering from foot surgery, withdrew from the French Open

‘Bring the Stanley Cup home’

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Liver donor’s only request is for Melnyk to win NHL title

Ottawa Senators owner Eugene Melnyk is recovering well after his liver transplant Tuesday at a Toronto hospital — and all his anonymous donor wants in return is for the Stanley Cup to be brought home by the Canadian hockey team.

Dr. Atul Humar, director of the multi-organ transplant program at University Health Network, told a news conference Thursday that the 55-year-old Melnyk remains in the intensive care unit but had been awake, smiling and answering questions earlier in the morning.

“Both the recipient and the donor are currently stable and recovering well from their operations,” said Humar.

The hospital would not identify the donor, nor reveal his or her age. Doctors said the donor wished to remain anonymous to both the public and to Melnyk.

> **So many lives will be saved as a result of this appeal, and we as a community should be very proud of these heroic, caring individuals.**
> Dr. David Grant

“However, the donor has asked me to tell you the motivation to do this is to help Mr. Melnyk return to good health, to enjoy his family and friends — and most importantly, to bring the Stanley Cup home to the Ottawa Senators,” said Dr. David Grant, who led the surgical transplant team.

More than 500 people offered to be a living liver donor for the billionaire NHL team owner following a public appeal last week by the Ottawa Senators organization.

Melnyk, who was suffering end-stage liver failure due to an undisclosed disease of the organ, was in urgent need of a transplant, his doctors said.

Though they would release limited details about Melnyk’s case, a liver transplant operation typically takes six to eight hours and recipients typically stay in hospital for up to two weeks, then take three to six months to recover fully.

In a statement read by spokesman Ken Villazor, Melnyk’s family said that in the 36 hours after the transplant, they had “already witnessed a dramatic improvement in Eugene’s overall condition.”

His family thanked the transplant team and the donor, saying “you are an incredible person and we truly admire your unselfish act of kindness and courage.”

“You remain in our thoughts and prayers and we wish you a speedy and full recovery.”

Melnyk had been on the waiting list for a deceased donor organ for several weeks, but having a rare AB blood type meant that finding a living liver donor was really his only option. None of his family or friends were deemed to be medically suitable donors.

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GIRO D’ITALIA GILBERT WINS WET 12TH STAGE, CONTADOR EXTENDS LEAD
Philippe Gilbert breaks away from the pack en route to winning the 12th stage of the Giro d’Italia under heavy rain in Vicenza on Thursday. Gilbert clocked nearly 4-1/2 hours over the 190-kilometre leg that began in Imola. Overall leader Alberto Contador crossed second, three seconds behind. He extended his lead ahead of Fabio Aru to 17 seconds.
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HOCKEY

Fighting words: Babcock dubs Leafs ‘Canada’s team’

Canadians can get touchy when one NHL franchise is anointed as “Canada’s team,” as incoming Toronto Maple Leafs head coach Mike Babcock found out on Thursday.

“Whether you believe it or not, I believe this is Canada’s team and we need to put Canada’s team back on the map,” Babcock told a buzzing media contingent at Air Canada Centre on Thursday while accepting the job as the 30th head coach in Maple Leafs history.

It was one seemingly innocuous comment at the beginning of a lengthy news conference, but it certainly touched a nerve.

Mike Babcock
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Maple Leafs added to the outrage when they posted a Vine video of Babcock uttering the offending phrase on their Twitter account.

Social media justice was swift. “Canada’s Team” was the second-highest trending topic in the country on Twitter, with several posters mocking the suggestion that the Maple Leafs represented hockey fans nationwide.

“‘Canada’s Team’ Jesus. This is why Canada hates Toronto,” read one Twitter post.

Some felt the Montreal Canadiens, with their proud history, are Canada’s team.

“Canada deserves better than a perennial loser and disappointment. Everybody knows who Canada’s team is. #Habs,” posted Calgary Stampeders punter Rob Maver.

Others believed the term “Canada’s team” should be reserved for international tournaments.

“If you mention ‘Canada’s team’ and you’re not referring to an international tournament I want to fire you directly into the sun,” was the pointed response from one Twitter user.

Of course, few are more qualified on speaking on Canada’s international experience than Babcock. He has coached Canada to two Olympic gold medals, a world championship title and a world junior championship crown.

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MAPLE LAUGHS

The Leafs have missed the playoffs in nine of the last 10 seasons and seemingly quit trying last season while slumping to a 30-44-8 record, second-worst in the Eastern Conference.

IN BRIEF

Briscoe to replace HInchcliffe in Indy 500

Ryan Briscoe will replace the injured James Hinchcliffe in the Indianapolis 500.

Briscoe arrived in Indianapolis on Wednesday, just in time to get fitted for the car, and headed onto the track for the first time Thursday for a familiarization session. The former Indy 500 pole winner will practise in traffic for the first time Friday.

Hinchcliffe was injured in a wreck during practice on Monday. Part of the car’s suspension wound up piercing the tub and going through Hinchcliffe’s upper leg and pelvis. Despite massive blood loss, Hinchcliffe underwent surgery and is expected to recover.

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McIlroy blames mental fatigue for mixed results

Defending champion Rory McIlroy shot a 1-under 71 on Thursday, leaving him six shots behind leader Francesco Molinari at the BMW PGA Championship after a mixed performance he blamed on mental fatigue.

Playing for the fourth straight week, the top-ranked McIlroy failed to recapture the form that saw him surge to a record seven-shot victory at the Wells Fargo Championship at Quail Hollow last week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FIFA

Figo quits election, hints at corruption

Calling FIFA a dictatorship under Sepp Blatter, presidential candidate Luis Figo dropped out of the election race on Thursday.

The Portugal great, and former FIFA world player of the year, said in a statement sent to The Associated Press that he refuses to go along with an election process that is designed "for the delivery of absolute power to one man" — indicating Blatter, the current FIFA president.

Figo's announcement came hours after another candidate, Dutch soccer federation president Michael van Praag, also withdrew from the May 29 poll of 209 FIFA member federations.

That left only Prince Ali bin al-Hussein of Jordan in the race as the three UEFA-supported opponents to 17-year incumbent Blatter finally united in a joint strategy.

Prince Ali joined Van Praag at a news conference in Amsterdam late Thursday to announce new promises in a campaign that has barely a week to attack a global bedrock of support for Blatter.

If elected, Ali would immediately expand the World Cup, starting with the 2018 tournament, to 36 teams which would create one extra place for each of Africa, Asia and the region covering North and Central America and the Caribbean (CONCACAF). He would also upgrade playoff entries for South America and Oceania to become guaranteed qualifying slots.

Prince Ali also pledged to give $1 million per year to FIFA members, doubling what each got in a four-year commercial cycle tied to the 2014 World Cup. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Portugal legend Luis Figo has dropped out of the FIFA presidential race. BEN STANSALL/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Canada's women rugby 7s close to making Olympics

The Canadian women's rugby sevens team can book its ticket to the 2016 Olympics this weekend in Amsterdam as the Women's World Series wraps up for the season.

The top four teams at the end of play Saturday automatically qualify for Rio de Janeiro, where rugby sevens will make its Games debut. New Zealand leads the series with Canada and Australia tied for second.

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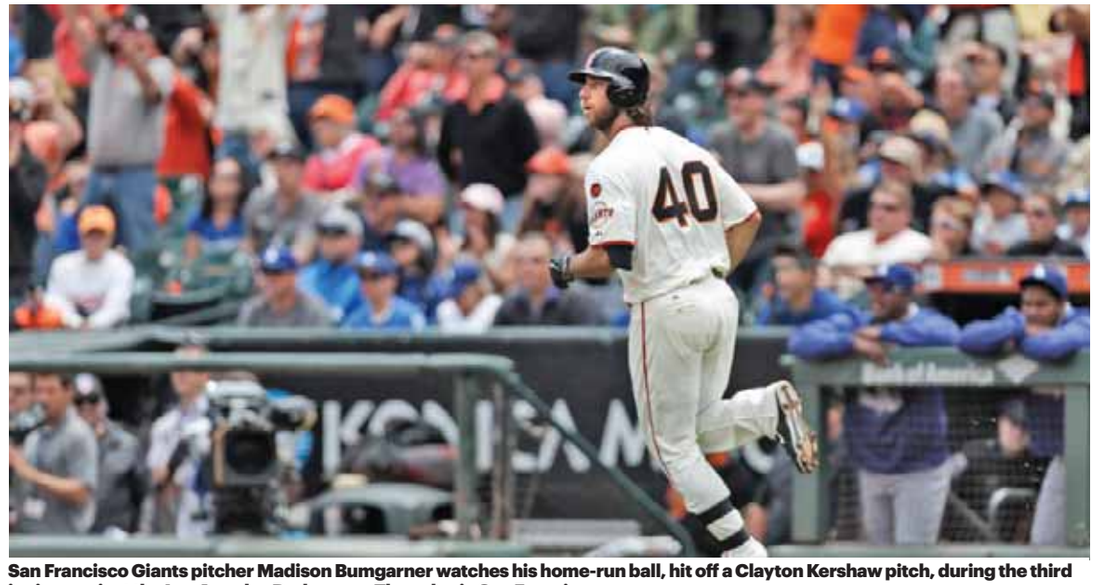
Hernandez pleads not guilty to witness intimidation

Former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez sported a new 'Lifetime' neck tattoo at his arraignment in Boston on charges he tried to silence a witness in a double murder case against him by shooting the man in the face.

Hernandez pleaded not guilty Thursday on a witness intimidation charge in the shooting of Alexander Bradley. Hernandez has already been given life for shooting Odin Lloyd. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



San Francisco Giants pitcher Madison Bumgarner watches his home-run ball, hit off a Clayton Kershaw pitch, during the third inning against the Los Angeles Dodgers on Thursday in San Francisco. BECK DIEFENBACH/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bumgarner shows Kershaw way home

MLB

World Series MVP bests NL MVP as Giants cap sweep

Madison Bumgarner homered off Clayton Kershaw and once again outpitched the reigning NL MVP and Cy Young winner, too, as the San Francisco Giants shut out the Los Angeles Dodgers for the third straight day, 4-0 Thursday.

San Francisco outscored the Dodgers 10-0 in sweeping the three-game series. The champion Giants have won six in a row overall.

This was the third time this season that Bumgarner, the current World Series MVP, had started against Kershaw — the Giants have won all three.

Bumgarner (5-2) worked around seven hits and two walks in 6-1/3 innings, striking out six. He improved to 9-3 in his last 13 starts against the Dodgers.

Bumgarner became the first pitcher to homer off Kershaw (2-3). The Giants' star connected for his seventh career home run, hitting a solo shot into the left-field bleachers in the third.

Last year, Bumgarner hit four home runs, including two grand slams. He had managed just one single in 17 at-bats this year going into the game.

The Dodgers haven't scored in 31 innings. The last time they were blanked in three straight games was June 2012 by San Francisco.

The Giants have won all six games between the teams at AT&T Park this year, matching their longest home winning streak against Los Angeles in 41 years. Kershaw allowed four runs on seven hits and two walks in 7-1/3 innings. He has a 4.32 ERA this year.

Kershaw lost for the third time in 13 starts in San Francisco. He entered the game with a career 0.97 ERA at the Giants' park. Hunter Pence had two hits and drove in two runs. Noki Aoki added two hits. Angel Pagan slid home on Pence's single in the fourth. The play was reviewed and stood as called. Buster Posey singled in the eighth to extend his hitting streak to 13 games and end Kershaw's day. Pence and Brandon Crawford drove in runs in the eighth.

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FIVE TOP PLAYERS TO WATCH

At the Memorial Cup

MAY 21-31

A look at who could shine in Quebec City

LEON DRAISAITL

Kelowna Rockets
The six-foot-one, 210-pound centre led the Rockets in playoff scoring with 10 goals and 28 points in 19 games. Drafted third overall by Edmonton in 2014, the German started the season with the Oilers, then was returned to the Western Hockey League in January.

ADAM ERNE

Quebec Remparts
The Tampa Bay Lightning, already loaded with scoring talent, have another blue-chipper on the way with the six-foot-one 218-pound left-winger. The New Haven, Conn. native was second in QMJHL playoff scoring with 21 goals and nine assists in 22 games. Picked 33rd overall by the Bolts in 2013.

JAN KOSTALEK

Rimouski Oceanic
The six-foot-one, 195 pound defenceman was a force as the Oceanic topped the Remparts in the QMJHL final. The 20-year-old Czech had eight goals and 21 points in 20 post-season games. Drafted 114th overall by the Winnipeg Jets in 2013.

MICHAEL DAL COLLE

Oshawa Generals
Led the generals with 93 points in the regular season and tied with teammate Cole Cassels for second in OHL playoff scoring (behind Erie's Connor McDavid) with 31 points in 21 games. Picked fifth overall by the New York Islanders in 2014.

NICK MERKLEY

Kelowna Rockets
The 17-year-old's stock for the 2015 draft keeps rising. A five-foot-10 centre, Merkley is a playmaker with a tenacious, energetic game. The Calgary native was third in WHL playoff scoring with five goals and 27 points.
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NHL PLAYOFFS

Rangers, Lundqvist left looking for answers

Henrik Lundqvist seems baffled.

The New York Rangers allowed 12 goals in losing their past two playoff games, and one of the NHL's top goalies is at a loss to explain why.

If Lundqvist and his teammates can't find answers in a hurry, their chances of overcoming a 2-1 deficit in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference finals don't appear good.

Henrik Lundqvist
GETTY IMAGES

"It's really challenging for me, the way they move the puck and find open ice for the shot, the way they get scoring chances from right in front. They're good, but I need to be more consistent with my game plan," Lundqvist said Wednesday night after a 6-5 overtime loss in Game 3.

Game 4 is Friday night, with the Lightning looking to move a step closer to a spot in the Stanley Cup.
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NBA PLAYOFFS

Cavs, Hawks rehab quickly for Game 2

While the Atlanta Hawks try to figure out who will guard LeBron James, the Cleveland Cavaliers are just grateful the four-time MVP is still standing.

It's understandable. This series could turn into a war of attrition — and they've only played one game.

James was limping around, Kyrie Irving went to the bench and didn't return and DeMarre Carroll is listed as day-to-day after being helped off the court in Game 1.

There was "raging fear" swelling in Cleveland coach David Blatt when he saw James in obvious pain after rolling his right ankle for the second time in the playoffs.

But James, who said his first thought was "not again," simply tied his shoe tighter and was back on the court within minutes. He'll be ready to go on Friday night in Game 2.

"He's the closest thing to Superman there is out there," Blatt said. "That's the only way I can explain it."

Irving's situation is more of a concern.

It's unclear how effective he will be the rest of the playoffs. Irving hobbled into the series and played only about three minutes in the fourth quarter of Game 1 after tweaking his sore left knee.

"He wants to be out there at his best and he's dealing with a situation that's not easy for him," Blatt said. "On the other hand he's still out there contributing and giving us things we really need and battling through this thing with heart and with courage." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LeBron James played through ankle pain in the Cavs' win in Game 1 of the East final in Atlanta. MIKE ZARRILLI/GETTY IMAGES

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RECIPE Endive Stuffed with Bok Choy, Carrots, Shrimp and Peanut Sauce

EAT LIGHT AT HOME

Rose Reisman
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Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 3 minutes

Ingredients
- 2 Tbsp peanut butter
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice
- 2 tsp soy sauce
- 2 tsp honey
- ½ tsp minced garlic
- ½ tsp minced ginger
- 3 Tbsp water
- 4 cup chopped baby bok choy
- ¾ cup grated carrot
- 4 oz baby cocktail shrimp
- 10 endive leaves
- ¼ cup chopped green onions

Directions

1. To make the sauce: In a small bowl mix peanut butter, lemon juice, soy sauce, honey, garlic, ginger and water until smooth.

2. In a large skillet sprayed with vegetable oil, add bok choy and stir fry for 3 minutes or just until soft. Add carrots, shrimp and half of the peanut sauce and cook for 1 minute until warm.

3. Spoon into endive leaves and drizzle with remaining sauce. Garnish with green onions.

Nutrition per serving (recipe serves 10)
- Calories 50
- Carbohydrates 5 g
- Fibre 1 g
- Protein 5 g
- Fat 1.5 g
- Sodium 190 mg

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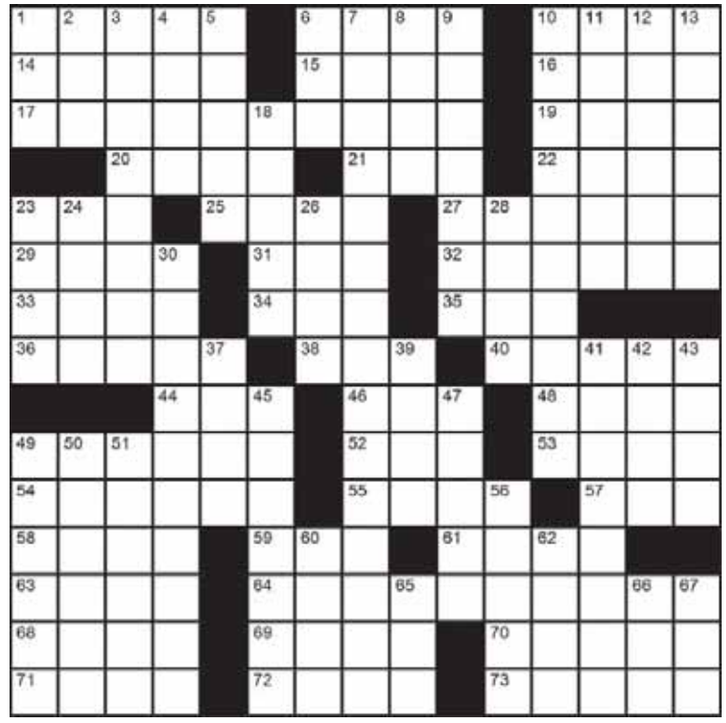
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Ready to rock
6. Gladiator's 1700
10. Melancholy
14. __-eyed
15. Of an important time
16. -Dokey's pal
17. Canadian director, Denis __ (His film at #7-Down is a contender for #3-Down)
19. BC footballer
20. Slight
21. Belg. neighbour
22. 'I' and 'M' of IMO
23. Fizzle
25. Chg. card printout
27. Canadian actor Mr. Garber of #7-Down
29. Halts
31. Esthero's "__ _ in Need of a Musical Revolution"
32. From times-of-yore
33. Glaswegian
34. Schedule acronym
35. Un-high
36. Jeweller's meas.
38. Young newt
40. Sci-Fi flick extra
44. __ _ few rounds (Spar)
46. Swell/ducky
48. Pace
49. Missing
52. 'Favour' suffix
53. Kardashians momager
54. On the ball: 2 wds.
55. Capri pants, __-length
57. Founded [abbr.]
58. Epithet for Athena
59. Get permission
61. Norway's patron saint
63. "Freak on a Leash" nu metal band
64. Food trucks specializing in french fries: 2 wds.
68. Crossed out
69. Juliette's "The English Patient" (1996) role
70. Freshwater fish
71. Rivers: Spanish
72. Hen's hatchables
73. Watched: 2 wds.

DOWN
1. Rugged vehicle, commonly
2. Pai __, "Kill Bill: Vol. 2" (2004) character
3. Big prize at the Cannes Film Festival: 2 wds.
4. Writer, __ Stanley Gardner
5. Hair tint workers
6. Michie __, Canadian rapper
7. Starring Emily Blunt, what "Sicario" (2015) is about: 2 wds.
8. Bat's hangout
9. Quebec municipality northwest of Rouyn-Noranda near the Ontario border
10. Criminal investigation component: 2 wds.
11. Similar/related: 2 wds.
12. Canadian sculptor whose work is featured in Winnipeg's Assiniboine Park: 2 wds.
13. __ Skynyrd
18. Food packaging meas.: 2 wds.
23. Office table
24. Empire of yore
26. Olivia Newton-John's "Let __ __ There"
28. The Munsters' pet bat
30. Behind-the-scenes theatre people
37. Ms. Braxton
39. Brit's bye-bye
41. Neil Simon play, __ in the Park
42. Mr. Redding
43. Examination
45. Business tote, __ case
47. Under
49. More less asleep, say
50. Neil Simon play, __ Blues
51. "Connected" by __ MC's
56. Shoes to switch into after a night of partying
60. __ carpet
62. Taj Mahal's site
65. Not: French
66. Stubby pencil
67. Barn abode

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Venus, planet of harmony, is under pressure today but that does not mean you will be too. You will be okay if you refuse to let problems of a domestic nature get you down.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Yes, you appear to have a very thick skin but the fact is you are as easily upset as anyone else and what someone says today may hurt you immensely. Don't take it seriously and try to forgive them.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Chances are you will splash out on something that catches your eye today, only to regret it over the weekend when you realize how much it has cost and how little you now have available for other activities. Return it and get a refund.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you throw yourself into a new project today there is every possibility you will be looking for a way to get out of it tomorrow, so think before you act. There are enough existing projects that need to be finished.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
The most important thing today and over the weekend is that you make sure that those you help are those who most deserve your help. It's a sad fact of life that some people are happy to live on others' efforts rather than their own.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You must not allow your personal feelings to interfere with what needs to be done on the work front today. Some things are business and some things are personal.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Someone in a position of authority may be annoying but you need to remember that they have more power than you. You will sometimes have to make it look as if you agree.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Although Venus is moving through one of the best areas of your chart you still need to be careful, especially when traveling and socializing. You may be confident that you can handle anything that comes your way but don't tempt fate.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
If you make a small change in one thing today the effects are likely to be much bigger than you expected, so act with care and, if in doubt, don't act at all. Nothing is so important that it has to be dealt with immediately.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If life seems too complicated of late it is most likely because you are making it too complicated. How do you make it simpler? Do less — a lot less. Cut back to essentials.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The planets indicate you could fall for someone today or over the weekend who, to say the least, is not really suitable. Have a fling if you must but don't expect the relationship to last.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You may be able to do a particular task better than just about anyone, but that does not mean you should do it. You have more than enough on the go as it is at the moment, so don't add to your load. Colleagues must share the burden.

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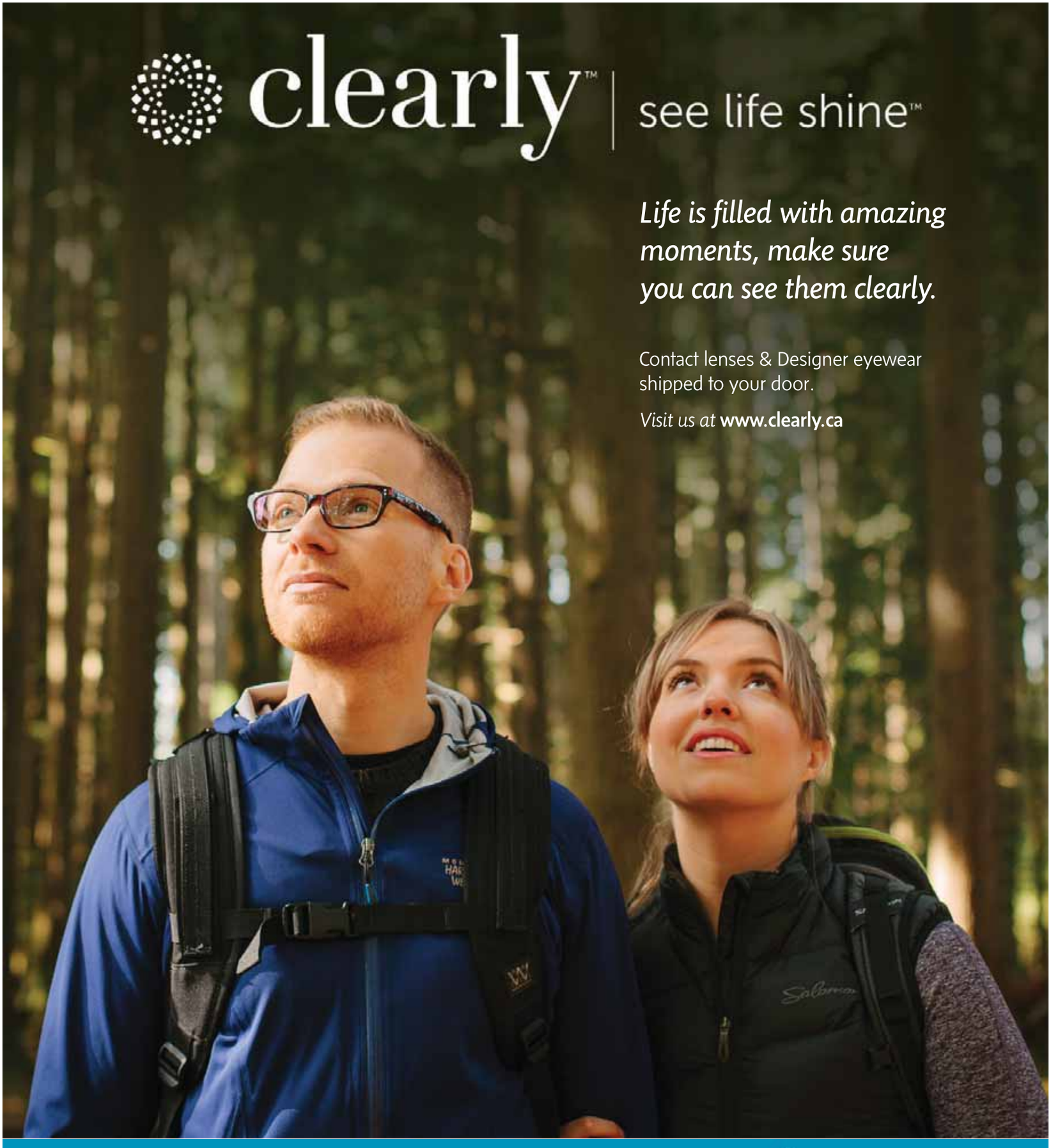
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